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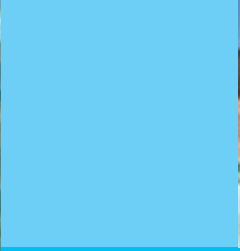
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HELP BRING HIS KILLER TO JUSTICE



VICTIM: Officers have released this December 27 CCTV image of Mr Denis

POLICE PLEA TO YOURMEDWAY READERS

■ BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

YOURMEDWAY readers are being asked to help bring the killer of Chatham pensioner Antoine Denis to justice.

The police appeal comes after the woman charged with the 66-year-old's murder was released from custody and told she no longer faces charges.

Kim Albone, 39, was arrested on

Tuesday, January 19 – ten days after the body of Mr Denis was found at his flat in Copperfield House, New Road, Chatham.

He was killed by a single stab wound. Ms Albone, of Luton Road, Chatham, appeared before Maidstone Crown Court on Friday, February 5, and was remanded in custody to await trial at crown court. Yet she was freed last week.

A police spokesman said: "Ms Albone

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JOE SCARECROW

Squeaky-voiced funnyman Joe Pasquale returns to Chatham's Central Theatre next week to play the Scarecrow in the Central Theatre's production of *The Wizard of Oz*. The cast started rehearsals for the Easter show on Monday ahead of opening night on Thursday, April 1.

Joe, who was crowned king of the jungle by ITV reality show *I'm A Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!*, said he was looking forward to taking on the role of Scarecrow: "I can wear my own clothes for a start," he joked.

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Council calls for vigilance to stop illegal fly-tipping

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

HOMEOWNERS are being urged to help in the fight against the fly-tippers who pollute our roads with lorry-loads of rubbish.

The call has been made by Medway Council's environmental enforcement team, which works round the clock to bring the culprits to justice.

With the bulk of Medway's illegally dumped rubbish coming from residential properties, homeowners are being asked to help ensure their waste is disposed of in the correct manner – and not tipped by the side of the road.

Environmental enforcement manager Mark Lawson said: "Fly-tipping is often a commercial crime, where unlicensed waste-carriers charge residents £50 to take their rubbish and then avoid paying landfill taxes by simply dumping the load while no-one is looking.

"Unfortunately, the onus of care is on the homeowner and if fly-tipped rubbish is traced back to them they could end up paying a fine.

"We'd urge anyone who uses a rubbish disposal service to ask to see the driver's waste-carrier licence and make sure they issue you with a waste transfer note.

"By doing so you can ensure your rubbish will be disposed of correctly."

Mr Lawson gave his backing to this paper's Trap the Tipplers campaign, which aims to put an end to Medway's fly-tipping problem.

He said: "I wholeheartedly support Yourmedway's campaign. We're happy to have a paper on board that is willing to tackle the issue."

The size of the problem – from mattresses dumped in alleyways to 40 tonnes of waste being burned in one



SACK RACE: Council officer Ian Burrell with rubbish dumped in Shawstead Road, Lordswood

incident alone – became apparent when I spent an afternoon working alongside senior environmental enforcement officer Ian Burrell.

Our first stop was Shawstead Road, Lordswood, which links North Dane Way with Capstone Road, and is known as a fly-tipping hot spot.

As we drove along the long, narrow road, Ian pointed to popular drop-off points; driveways and secluded spots.

The hedgerows lining the road bear the remnants of an untold number of illegal disposals, with bricks, tiles, cardboard and other litter easily visible upon inspection.

Our next stop is to the house of a couple who saw two white-van men dump rubbish in Shawstead Road, and managed to jot down the vehicle's number plate.

They said: "We just fume every time we drive along the road.

"Last weekend we saw two men dumping cardboard in the road.

"They were just chucking the last bit of rubbish out of their van when

we came around the corner.

"We're so lucky to have a nice bit of countryside here and men like these are intent on spoiling it.

"Also, as taxpayers we have to foot the bill to have the rubbish removed."

Finally, we drove to Dock Road, Chatham, where police and Medway Council staff were conducting roadside checks of vans and lorries, ensuring any waste-carriers had the necessary documentation to transport their rubbish.

Mark Lawson said his team's work in bringing fly-tippers to justice, aided by homeowners' vigilance, roadside checks of waste-carriers and visits to businesses to raise awareness of the licences needed to dispose of rubbish, was helping to bring fly-tipping rates down.

"The team has been in existence for three years.

"Fly-tipping has been decreasing year on year so clearly the work we're doing has been having an effect."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Pair on GBH charge after cop is injured

TWO men have been charged with GBH with intent following an incident which left a police officer with a broken ankle and facial injuries.

Andrew James Burtenshaw, and Giles St John Sealey, both of Meadow Bank Road, Chatham, were arrested in Chatham High Street on Wednesday, March 17.

Burtenshaw, 42, was charged and released on bail to appear at Medway Magistrates Court on Friday, April 9.

Sealey, 39, appeared before Medway Magistrates Court today and was remanded in custody to appear at Maidstone Crown Court on Monday, March 29.

The PC was injured after approaching the men in Chatham High Street.

Anyone with information can contact Kent Police on 01622 690690 or call CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111.

Eggstraganza aims to promote kids' health

YOUNGSTERS are set for a cracking breakfast treat at a children's centre in Chatham today.

Children at the All Saint's Children's Centre in Magpie Hall Road are being treated by the Healthy Eating team to a range of eggy snacks.

The breakfast bonanza will include scrambled egg, eggy bread and boiled egg and soldiers.

Little chefs and their parents will be encouraged to help prepare the food by cracking and whisking the eggs and adding in the seasoning.

There will also be the opportunity to plant cress seeds into the egg shells, which the youngsters will then be able to take home and watch grow.

The centre suggests a 50p donation for the sessions, which will run for an hour from 8.30am.

To book a place, call 01634 338833.

Footballer's death was tragic accident

A KEEN footballer who died during a five-a-side match lost his life in a "desperately tragic accident", a coroner has ruled.

David Winslow was fatally injured after hitting his head against a wall at the Black Lion Leisure Centre on Tuesday, September 22.

At an inquest into his death at County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, March 18, the court heard how David was fatally injured while attempting an acrobatic shot on goal.

Referee Michael Lane described how Mr Winslow ran down the indoor sports hall pitch before shaping for a shot and colliding with the wall.

A post-mortem examination revealed that he suffered a fractured skull and bruising to the brain.

Mid-Kent and Medway coroner Roger Sykes recorded a verdict of accidental death and said: "This was a desperately tragic accident.

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Sport Relief the winner as thousands raise cash

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

HUNDREDS of funrunners took part in the Sport Relief challenge, raising thousands of pounds for the national appeal.

More than 600 runners completed the Medway Sport Relief mile at Capstone Farm Country Park on Sunday, with many taking on the course in fancy dress.

Three-time Olympic javelin medallist Steve Backley was among the first to cross the starting line.

The Medway International Sporting Ambassador, who was part of an Olympians choir that performed during Friday night's BBC Sport Relief extravaganza, was joined on the run by his wife, daughters and family dog.

Medway's leading heavyweight boxer Tom Dallas also took on the charity challenge and won the three-mile event.

His friend and fellow heavyweight boxer, former British and Commonwealth Champion Julius Francis, was also there to cheer along with the crowds.

The inaugural Medway Sport Relief mile was organised by the council as part of the Medway Gets Active campaign.

Councillor Rehman Chishti and council chief executive Neil Davies both took on the run, with Rehman Chishti finishing the one-mile course in second place.

Staff and students from MidKent College joined the Sport Relief mile, with more than 1,000 runners taking to the new Medway Park athletics track.

The event was kicked off by Gillingham



ON YOUR MARKS: Steve Backley joins the runners on the starting line for the Medway Sport Relief Challenge

Football Club centre back Josh Gowling.

The promising defender said: "It has been absolutely fantastic to see such a great turnout. I've been really impressed by some of the outfits. It is a great event with more than 1,000 students running, all in aid of Sport Relief, which is a great cause.

"I think it's great that players from the local football club can come and get involved."

Money raised by these events has contributed to the 2010 Sport Relief total, which currently stands at more than £30 million, and will help change the lives for people in the UK and across the globe.

Thousands of people took on the Sport Relief mile in more than 300 events, and for the first time there was a mile abroad, at a special event taking place in South Africa.

Plea after gang attacks teenager

A TEENAGE boy was attacked by a 15-strong mob, police have revealed.

The 14-year-old Gillingham boy was assaulted in Maidstone Road, Rainham, at 7.15pm on Friday, March 12.

He suffered a number of cuts and bruises before an unknown man and woman stopped to help him.

Five boys, aged between 13 and 15, all from Gillingham, have been arrested on suspicion of assault and released on police bail.

They are due to attend Medway Police Station at a later date.

Office are appealing for witnesses to come forward. They would also like to speak to the man and woman who came to the aid of the boy.

Anyone with information can call PC Claire Hammond at Medway Police Station on 01634 792423 or CrimeStoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Cracking down on loan sharks

LOAN sharks are being targeted by a new dedicated money-lending team.

The specialist squad has been set up to investigate and prosecute illegal money lenders who fleece cash-strapped customers with sky-high interest rates.

It will also aim to help debt-ridden residents regain control of their finances.

Community safety and enforcement boss Rehman Chishti said: "I am pleased that Trading Standards' specialist illegal money-lending team will be offering its expert assistance to Medway Council.

"Loan sharks are a real danger for vulnerable people who often find they have to pay excessive interest rates."

To report a loan shark call the 24-hour confidential hotline on 0300 555 2222.

Fresh appeal after murder

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will no longer face charges following a joint decision by Kent Police and the Crown Prosecution Service not to proceed. Officers investigating the murder are continuing to appeal for anyone with information to come forward.

"They are asked to contact officers on 01634 884011.

Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111. You may be eligible for a reward."

Detectives have now released a CCTV image, showing Mr Denis at a shop in Church Street, Chatham, at 8.50am on Sunday, December 27, 2009, in the hope that witnesses will come forward.

Det Ch Insp Dave Chewter said: "Kent Police's Major Crime Unit is continuing to appeal to anyone who may have seen Mr Denis before or after December 27.

"We are following a number of lines of inquiry but are still keen for the public to help. I'd like to reassure residents that this was an isolated incident and one that is extremely rare in Medway."

Ms Albane was the third person to be arrested in connection with Mr Denis's death.

Two Chatham men – a 69-year-old and a 43-year-old – were arrested within a week of the incident. Both were subsequently released.

'We have everything we need for city bid'

MEDWAY'S on-going campaign for city status will take a giant leap forward today, with the bid's leaders meeting in Chatham.

The Making of Medway seminar will be held at the St George's Centre in Chatham Maritime, attended by top architects, designers and regeneration chiefs.

Council leader Rodney Chambers said: "It's the perfect backdrop for us to outline our intention to bid for city status in 2012.

"Medway has all the key city credentials and a lot more besides; a population of 255,000, four universities, a famous cathedral, superb transport and trade links, a world-famous historic dockyard, a £6 billion programme of regeneration and a great river setting."

At the event international architect Sir Terry Farrell, who designed the SIS building – better known as the home of M16 – will talk about his plans for Medway's future.

Councillor Chambers added: "This is the second Making of Medway event, and we've achieved huge progress in the four years since the first conference.

"In Chatham, work is underway on delivering a vastly-improved road system and one of the best bus sta-



LOOKING AHEAD: Cllr Rodney Chambers

tions in Britain. The Rochester Riverside regeneration site is ready for 2,000 homes.

"We have four remarkable universities, an innovation centre for new business ventures, and Medway Park – the sports centre that will be Medway's key Olympic legacy.

"I look forward to taking part in the Making of Medway conference, and looking ahead to our bid for city status in 2012."

The bid follows two previous failed attempts to achieve city status in 2000 and 2002.

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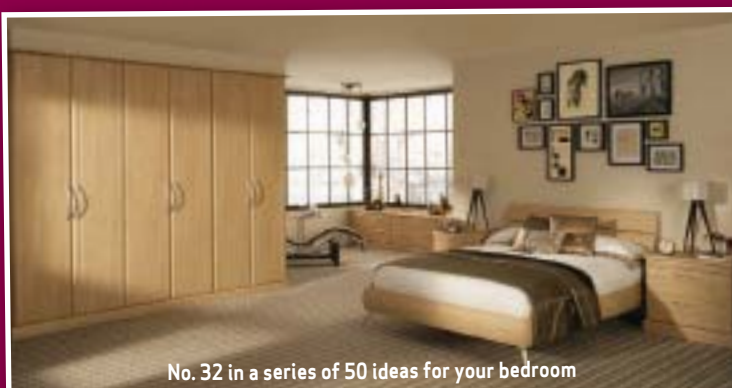
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TRAGEDY: Elsie Blades, left, and daughter Marilyn Herlihy died crossing Station Road, Strood, in July, 2009

Experts advise against calming on death road

POLICE experts have advised against imposing traffic calming measures on a busy town centre road, despite a double tragedy last summer.

Kent Police were asked to consider speed-limiting options for Station Road, Strood, after the deaths of mother and daughter Elsie Blades and Marilyn Herlihy, who were hit by a car while crossing the road in July, 2009.

Traffic management unit PC Paul Cave carried out a review of the road but decided calming would not be appropriate.

In a letter to Medway Council, due to be heard at a meeting tomorrow (Thursday), PC Cave writes: "I am unable to comment on the details of the collision on July 26 as the investigation is ongoing."

"There have been two injury collisions on Station Road in the last three years. Statistically this is a good record for this type of road."

"Due to the distributor function (providing a through route from Frindsbury to Rochester) of the road it would not be appropriate to place physical calming measures such as road humps, chicanes etc along the road."

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

Council bosses will write to Station Road residents asking them to cut back any trees in their front gardens, as they may restrict motorists' visibility.

Network Rail has also been asked to remove overhanging vegetation from a footway near the road's sole pelican crossing.

PC Cave's letter adds: "I realise residents would have hoped for more action, however decisions cannot be taken on what may be an isolated incident."

Mother-of-two Elsie Blades, 84, and daughter Marilyn Herlihy, 60, died after being hit by a Seat Ibiza. Mrs Blades died instantly. Mrs Herlihy was airlifted to hospital but later died of her injuries.

Widow Mrs Blades left behind her son David, his wife Colleen and their two children, Reece and Aiden.

Mrs Herlihy was married to Derek and also had two children, 34-year-old Liz and 26-year-old Gordon.

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Mixed fortunes on jobs

JOBLESSNESS in Kent and Medway has increased by more than 5,000 in a year.

Last month, 37,744 people were claiming benefits throughout the county, compared with 32,694 in February, 2009.

The number has also risen by 416 since January, this year, although Medway saw a reduction of 63 during the same period.

Minister for the South East Jonathan Shaw – also the MP for Chatham and Aylesford – said the statistics were not as bad as first predicted.

He said: "This is a worldwide recession and we anticipated there would be high unemployment, but it's not as bad as predicted and that's saving an awful lot of money."

Nationally the number of jobseekers has fallen by 32,300 to 1.59 million – or 7.8 per cent of the total working age population.

In Kent the figure is 3.6 per cent and in Medway it is 4.8 per cent.

'Erratic' driver arrested

A SUSPECTED dangerous driver has been arrested after a high-speed chase through a busy town.

Police were called to Chatham at 1.35pm last Tuesday after a man was reported to be driving a black BMW erratically.

Patrol cars pursued the BMW through the town until the motorist came to a sudden stop in Lordwood Lane, near the junction with Gleaming Wood Drive.

The driver then abandoned his car and ran into nearby woods. Officers chased the suspect on foot and were able to arrest him.

Safer crossing on the A2

A PEDESTRIAN crossing is to be installed on a busy Rainham road.

The puffin crossing will be placed on the A2, by the junction with Pump Lane, from next month.

It will incorporate a built-in detector system able to sense when people are crossing.

Medway Council's frontline services portfolio holder Cllr Phil Filmer said: "With their detector system, these crossings ensure all pedestrians have time to cross and can also reduce delays to vehicles by sensing when all pedestrians are safely across."

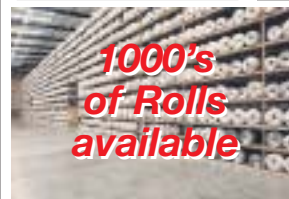
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THE Dentists will perform in London tomorrow (Thursday) night, ending a 15-year hiatus.

The popular Medway-based group will play Dingwalls in Camden.

Their appearance marks the release of a compilation of B-sides and rare songs.

Rehearsing for the gig has been hindered by the absence of lead singer/guitarist Mick Murphy, who lives and works in Nairobi, Kenya.

Guitarist Bob Collins, bassist Mark Matthews and two of the band's previous drummers – Ian Smith and Rob Grigg – have been practising at a studio in Maidstone while Mick has been rehearsing in his African home, linking up with The Dentists via long-distance phone lines.

Bob said: "It's not ideal, but we've just



OPEN WIDE: The Dentists return to Dingwalls

had to make the best of it. We're just hoping Mick's been practising his singing. "He was never the best at remembering lyrics when we played together all the time," he joked.

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Teddies to comfort road crash children

TRAFFIC police are using box-loads of cuddly Trauma Teddies to comfort children involved in road collisions.

The toys are being given to youngsters when they are trapped in a vehicle or involved in a crash on Kent's roads.

Head of the Roads Policing Unit, Chief Inspector Andrew Reeves, said: "Any road traffic collision is a bad thing, but it is particularly distressing to all concerned when children are involved."

"This initiative allows our officers to give a teddy to any children involved in such an incident, which can both comfort and calm them. I am very grateful to PC Chapman and the local company that kindly provided the toys."

The idea was the brainchild of traffic officer PC Darren Chapman who has attended many distressing callouts involving children and decided to contact a Kent toy manufacturer.

The toy firm – which wishes to remain anonymous – donated about 100 bears as well as other cuddly toys for free.

PC Chapman said: "I am delighted to have been able to source the toys at no public cost and am very grateful to the toy company for its empathy and support."

In 2008, more than 2,800 children were killed or seriously injured on the nation's roads.



BIG SOFTIE: PC Chapman with a boot of teddies

Family distress at biker verdict

■ BY MARIJKE COX

THE families of three bikers killed in a horror crash in Italy have said they are "extremely disappointed" with a verdict of accidental death.

An inquest at Maidstone Coroners Court heard how Michael Vercoe, 67, of West Kingsdown, and Wendy Pointer, 60, and Colin Morrish, 62, both from Rochester, died after their motorbikes collided with a lorry in September 2009.

Mr Vercoe's wife Fay, who was badly injured, was the sole survivor.

The inquest heard how the bikers, who had years of experience riding motorbikes, had been travelling on the wrong side of the road when the tragic crash happened.

But Mrs Vercoe, who was riding pillion on her husband's bike, stressed the highway in Mezzolombardo, in Trento, Italy, was "very dangerous" and the signage was "confusing".

She said it was not clear where the road changed from a dual to a single carriageway, and Mr Morrish, who had Mrs Pointer riding pillion, and Mr Vercoe both pulled out to overtake a car "as though they had a right to".

Mrs Vercoe said: "Both Colin and Michael were very methodical riders.

"They wouldn't have taken any risks to put us in danger. Something must have made them

make that mistake."

But a report from Italian police said the road did have adequate signs and markings.

Coroner Roger Sykes told the inquest despite there being no dangerous driving involved, he had no power to make any recommendations to the Italian authorities about the stretch of road.

A statement read out by Mrs Vercoe's solicitor following the inquest said the families were "extremely disappointed" with the verdict.

"We feel very strongly that there were problems with the road that undoubtedly contributed to the accident.

"The fact the road has not been found to be the cause does not tally with the widespread media coverage at the time of the crash that the road was in fact dangerous – a view echoed by the local mayor."

Richard Compton, who had been riding on a separate motorbike behind Mr Vercoe and Mr Morrish at the time of the accident, said both were very experienced riders.

In a statement read out at the inquest, he said: "By the way it happened, I don't think they understood it was a two-way road."

Tributes paid to Mr Morrish, who ran CM Motorcycles in Rochester High Street, described him as a "soft and caring man" and a "great bloke".

He had been taking part in the Motorcycle Touring Club of Europe with Mrs Pointer, a clinical nurse specialist, and Mr and Mrs Vercoe when the tragedy happened.



ACCIDENTAL DEATH: Colin Morrish and Wendy Pointer were killed when their bike collided with a lorry in Italy

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QUESTION & ANSWER

JOE PASQUALE



Q You're somewhat of a panto pro, how long have you been involved in pantomime?

A I've done 28 years of panto, so I've done quite a lot of this type of work. I've never done this show, but I've done musicals and plays – I did Mel Brooks' The Producers the year before last, so I've done a fair few bits and pieces.

Q How many times have you performed at the Central Theatre?

A Loads of times because I live here. I live in Rochester, so I know the area well. It's one of the reasons for doing this for me. I can get home every night. Normally at this time of the year we're out on the road. This year, for a month, I can get home every night which makes a change for me.

Q What are you looking forward to in this role?

A Everyone knows the story of the Wizard of Oz and the kids know the characters. You haven't got to build the character up. When the producer asked me to do it, he said you could do whatever you want. I thought I'd do the scarecrow as I could wear my own clothes.

Q How does being live on stage compare to working for tv?

A When you're doing live stuff, you've got the experience of the live audience to react to

you straight away. You know what their feedback is straight away. What you see is what you get [on stage], you can't go back and say 'oh, sorry can we do that again, I mucked it up.'

Q How significant was 'I'm a Celebrity...'?

A It was three weeks of my life that I really enjoyed, but everyone asks if it was life-changing. No, it was like going on a rubbish holiday with 15 people you'll never want to see again, then coming back like Elvis for three weeks. I'm not knocking it - if they asked me to do it again, I'd do it at the drop of a hat. I loved it. You came back a stone and a half lighter and constipated.

Q What are you looking forward to in the live show? What are you expecting from the audience?

A All these types of shows, you can rehearse for weeks on end but there is always something missing – the audience. That's why our rehearsal schedule is quite tight.

We only have about eight days of rehearsals. If you go over and over it, you're not sure if it is funny anymore.

Once the audience get in front of you, they're the ones that tell you if it is any good. Especially the kids, they are brutally honest. Adults will sit through two and a half hours of cack but kids, if they are bored, will get up, go to the toilet, text their mates or whatever. It's a different type of show working for kids.

Q So would you say it is important to introduce them to the theatre then?

A Yes. At the moment, all the kids know is what is behind a video screen. What's on the Playstation or X-box, what's on the computer or email or on the telly with 300 channels. So when they get into a theatre, they're like 'I didn't know it was like this.' I think it is important kids are introduced to live theatre.

Q What type of shows do you like to watch when you are looking on to the stage?

A Over the past couple of years with my son, who's 21 and an actor, we've said we have to see all these shows that have been running for 22-23 years. They've been running because they have something special about the show. So we've been to see Les Mis, The Phantom of the Opera and others.

Q What is the best show you've been to see?

A The best one we've seen is the Woman in Black. It's been running for 24 years now. It's a horror story and a ghost story. There are two people and they play about 12 characters each and it blew me away.

There's no set and it's all done with lighting and a bit of net curtain. It's the experience of live theatre and of two people holding an audience for two and a half hours. That is what live theatre is all about, experiencing something, not just watching it on a dead screen.

Q & A

The Rochester-based comedian talks to **Mathew Beech** at the launch of the Easter pantomime, the Wizard of Oz, about his love of live theatre, why he loves working in Medway and winning 'I'm a Celebrity...'

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NEW ATTRACTION: Artist's impression of No 1 Smithery display at Chatham Historic Dockyard

Smithery display set to be No 1 attraction

HISTORIC treasures will soon go on display in Chatham Historic Dockyard's latest visitor attraction.

Priceless artefacts and artworks will be shown at No 1 Smithery, set to be officially opened in July.

The maritime building has been renovated thanks to a partnership between Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust, the National Maritime Museum and the Imperial War Museum.

The Smithery is divided into three sections; the courtyard and two display rooms.

Artefacts from the National Museums' collections will go on display at the Maritime Treasures room, while temporary exhibitions will be showcased in The Gallery.

The Courtyard gives visitors a chance to see a large section of the original building.

Dockyard spokesman Gail James said: "The opening of No 1 Smithery brings a programme of exciting events and activities guaranteed to appeal to a wide range of interests and ages looking for a fun, interesting and worthwhile day out to add to the great day out a visit to The Historic Dockyard already provides."

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SWINGOMETER: Peter Brooks with professional golfer Ben Collins, who says he has seen marked improvement in his swing since first using the high-tech virtual golf simulator



Picture: HEARTFELT PHOTOGRAPHY

Science behind the drive to improve the golf swing

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A SPORTS scientist is using state-of-the-art equipment to help golfers perfect their swing.

University of Greenwich PhD student Peter Brooks said his high-tech virtual golf simulator and top-of-the-range cameras, worth more than £100,000 in total, could improve a golfer's game by up to five per cent.

The cameras are used to capture each golfer's swing in minute detail. The software then analyses what separates the ten best drives from the ten worst and give the golfers a 3D view of their swing.

Peter said his work was cutting edge.

"We can analyse golfers' motion in three dimensions from inception to completion of

the swing. This is totally new," he said.

"We have ten cameras which capture about 500 frames a second, compared to about 25 frames a second at a normal golf lesson.

"Initial findings have been encouraging. Different characteristics are emerging from the data leading us to think that there may be multiple swing styles based on factors such as flexibility, strength, age or size but more subjects are needed to confirm this.

"I need more professionals, and high calibre club players – handicaps of five or less – to come down and be tested.

"If coaches are present we can point out what we can see from our analysis. The coach may want to concentrate on a specific area, which we can do, so it's an interactive process.

"There's nothing like word of mouth. The golfing community can be quite close knit. We're sports scientists, not golf professionals, so we

need to work with coaches and offer them the tools which are available now, here, today."

Professional golfer Ben Collins, 19, was among the first to trial Peter's simulator and said he has already seen big improvements in his game.

"The 3D analysis has given me a picture of my movement that I have not been able to see through coaching with regular video" he said.

"This equipment really helped me change my golf swing as well as helping me with my fitness and strengthening programmes."

Ben's coach Karl Steptoe added: "As a golf professional for more than 12 years my initial training was heavily influenced by rule-based instruction and from personal experience as a player and a coach.

"Basically, this system helps move away from a 'do this, don't do that' approach which doesn't always produce the best results, especially under pressure."

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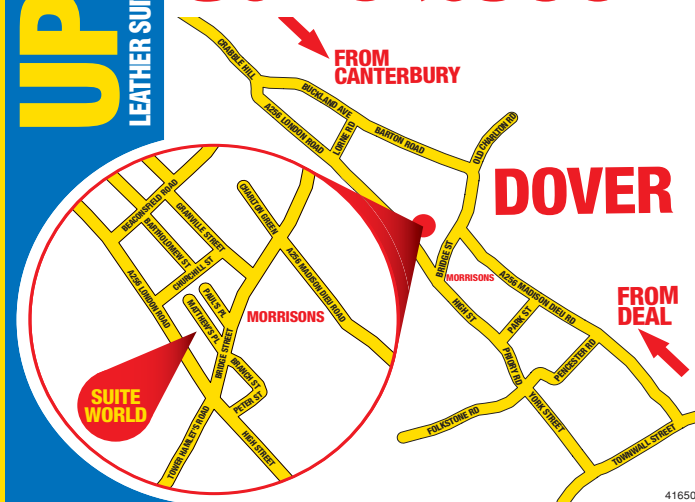


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Air ambulance searches for its fundraising heroes



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And since its introduction in 1990, this figure has soared, with hundreds now safe and well thanks to the committed crew.

But officials at the Kent Air Ambulance Trust have admitted the real heroes are those who spend their time raising vital cash to fund the £1.7 million needed annually to keep the service running.

And to show their appreciation, a special awards ceremony, sponsored by KOS Media, is being held to mark the 20th anniversary and thank the fundraisers.

John Tickner, chief executive of Kent Air Ambulance, said the awards – the first of their kind – acknowledge the huge support the charity has in the county.

He said: "This year marks a special anniversary in the life of the air ambulance, but this has only been made possible by the generosity of the people in Kent."

Since 1991, almost every penny of the £1.7m needed per year has come from public donations, with funds paying for doctors, fuel, training, equipment and medication. Officials are hoping to raise even more money so the service can also run through the night.

And in 1998, when a crash took the lives of pilot Graham Budden and paramedics Mark Darby and Tony Richardson, donations flooded in for a new helicopter bearing the initials of the casualties.

Lynn Hyder, county fundraiser at the air ambulance, said the charity is now inviting nominations from the public saying who they think should be commended for their fundraising efforts.

Ms Hyder said: "All these inspiring people have helped save lives through their generosity and we think these awards are a fitting tribute to show our thanks."

The black tie ceremony is being held at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone on May 8.

To nominate someone, fill in the form (right) and send it to Freepost Kent Air Ambulance.

Life-saving service to hold special ceremony in honour of those who raise vital £1.7m needed each year

Kent Air Ambulance 20th Anniversary Awards

The Kent Air Ambulance are publicly acknowledging those who have fundraised on their behalf over the last twenty years. It is their support that has made it possible for us to save many lives in the county during this time.

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TAKE YOUR PICK: KOS Media's annual show will see thousands flock to pick up holiday bargains

Travel and leisure show offers host of getaway deals

EXCLUSIVE deals for day trips, weekend breaks and holidays abroad will be on offer at KOS Media's third annual Travel and Leisure Show.

Last year's event was a huge success, with more than 4,000 visitors flocking to the Dover Cruise Terminal to find out more about the attractions available on their doorstep, as well as those on the other side of the Channel and beyond.

This year's show will be held at the same venue on Sunday, March 28, and promises to be bigger and better than ever.

KOS Media events manager Liz Hare said: "After two successful years the show has become the biggest of its kind in the region."

"With the variety of local tourist attractions, cruising holidays and many other leisure opportunities, it provides a great day out for all the family."

"In previous years many visitors have actually booked their holiday at the show itself or taken advantage of other great exclusive show offers."

This year's Travel and Leisure Show will take place just one week after the end of British Tourism Week, which aims to raise awareness of the importance of the industry to the national economy.

Among the companies represented will be many of the major cruise lines and ferry operators, with some great cross-Channel offers and short breaks available to book on the day.

Presentation

Coaching holidays will also be promoted, as will air travel through Kent International Airport at Manston.

Representatives from many of Kent's biggest tourist attractions – as well from the lesser-known 'little gems' – will be on hand to answer any questions visitors may have, and there will also be a presentation theatre with speakers covering a wide range of topics throughout the day.

As well as the large number of companies exhibiting at the event, there will also be a competition to win a two-week cruise courtesy of Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines.

There are 31 other fantastic prizes to be won, including an overnight stay with dinner at Canterbury's ABoDe Hotel, a return Channel crossing provided by Norfolkline, and a family membership to Kent Wildlife Trust.

Children's entertainment, a licensed bar and refreshments will also be available throughout the day, which runs from 9.30am-4.30pm.

Admission and parking to the show is free, but visitors can beat the queues by registering for fast-track entry by visiting www.thetravelandleisureshow.co.uk for more information, or call Liz Hare on 01303 817172.

Grand designs recognised at awards evening

A RESTORED mausoleum, a house built from a railway carriage and Ashford's shared space scheme were among the winners at the Kent Design Awards.

The prestigious ceremony, organised by Kent County Council, saw architects behind some of the county's most iconic buildings recognised for their work.

Of the winners, the Darnley Mausoleum, in Cobham Wood, near Gravesend, received the first-ever project of the year award in memory of former leader of KCC Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, who died in August, 2008.

Canterbury architects Purcell Miller Tritton and PAYE Stonework and Restoration of

London were applauded for their "labour of love" which brought the 18th century listed building back to life after years of vandalism, and a major fire in 1980.

KCC's innovative Ashford shared space scheme, which sees pedestrians and cars sharing the roads, picked up the town and village renaissance award.

And an unusual beach house, located near Dungeness Power Station and made from a 19th century railway carriage, was named the residential minor development winner.

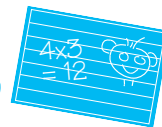
Judge Mathew Woodhead, director of urban design at DHA Planning in Maidstone, said the standard of buildings in and around

Kent is exceptionally high.

Mr Woodhead said although there were different categories with unique designs, there were four things judges were looking for.

"These were how the building interacts with the surrounding area; usability and who it was designed for; quality of the architecture; and whether key urban design principles were followed," he said.

"Personally, I was really impressed by the Quarterhouse. It is an iconic building for the community and it's already attracting lots of musicians and artists. Despite being modern architecture, the actual building follows the same principles as the older ones around it."



PITCHING IN: An enthusiastic student helps with the clear-up at Lower Lines Park, Gillingham

Students benefit from park clear-up

STUDENTS are keeping a park clean as part of a community initiative.

Volunteers from MidKent College's Medway campus are taking part in the scheme at the Lower Lines Park.

The programme will see foundation learning students maintaining the newly-opened five-and-a-half acre site.

Park warden Kev Woolford said: "We're extremely grateful to the students for helping us to keep the park looking its very best. They've been conducting weekly clear-ups since the start of February.

"The benefits are two-fold – the park looks great and the students get some experience to fit in with the horticultural unit of their college programme."

Funding from MidKent College has seen the site redeveloped and opened up to the public, featuring a moat, woodlands and a large grassy plateau.

School's boarding facilities impress Ofsted inspectors

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

ROCHESTER Independent College is celebrating an exceptional Ofsted report.

The town centre college had its boarding facilities rated as 'outstanding' after the latest in-depth inspection.

The report states "boarders receive excellent support, both academically and pastorally.

"They are looked after by a motivated team who are in turn, very well supported by the senior management.

"There is clear leadership within the college and the boarding team is led by a creative and motivated head of boarding."

Some of the areas where RIC excelled included helping children to be healthy, helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do, helping children make a positive contribution, achieving economic well-being and promotion of equality and diversity.

These five categories all gained an 'outstanding' rating by the education watchdog.

Co-principal Pauline Bailey said: "We are delighted that the hard work of our boarding staff has been celebrated so comprehensively.

"Ofsted have now enthusiastically praised everything at the college, from the outstanding quality of our teaching to the commitment our boarding, maintenance, catering and cleaning staff put in to ensure our students are well cared for."

During their visit the inspectors were also impressed by the school's development plan.

Pauline Bailey added: "We constantly strive



HOME FROM HOME: Boarders at Rochester Independent College are housed in five houses in the centre of the city

for improvement across the whole site and much financial investment is aimed at improving boarding, leisure and extracurricular activities for our students."

RIC was established in 1984 and following expansions now offers a complete secondary education for children from the age of 11

through to sixth form, both for boarders and day students.

The school currently teaches 240 pupils, 50 of whom are boarders over the age of 16.

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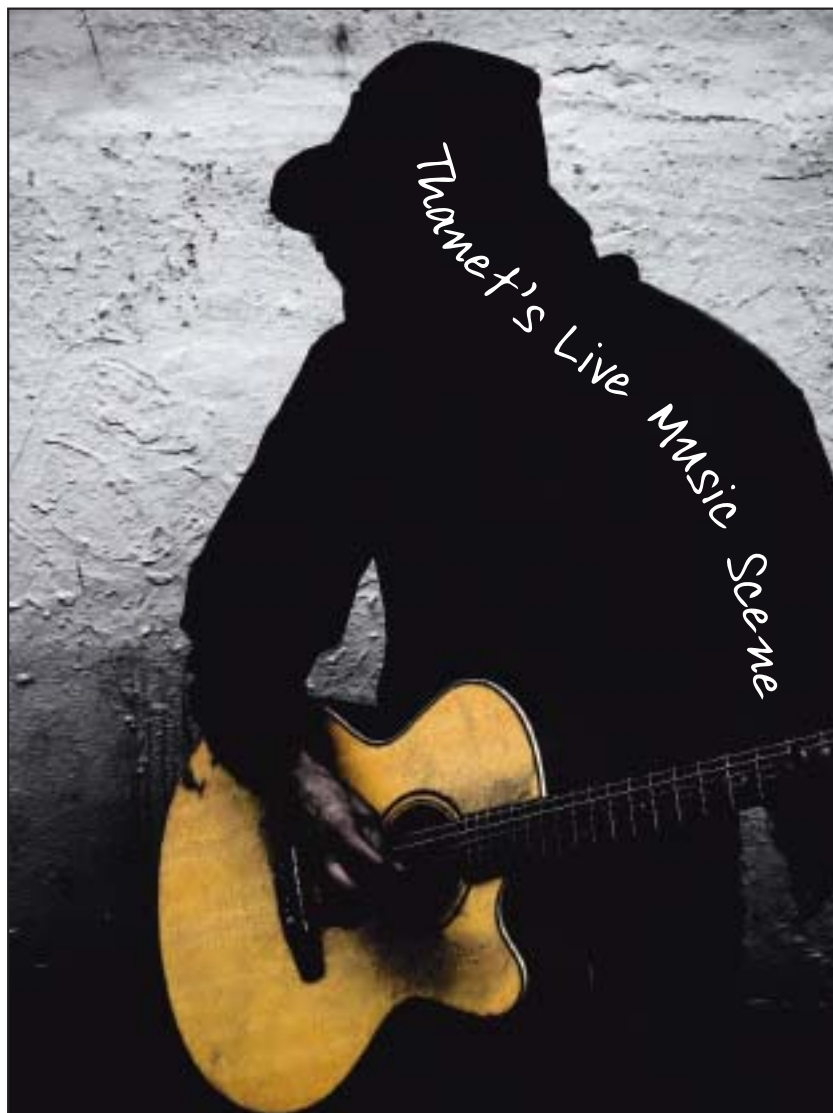


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YOUR LETTERS

Did council 'lie' over school closure places?

I am one of the lead campaigners in the fight against Medway council closing St John's CEVC Infant School, Chatham.

You have been covering the story over the past year and yesterday the Tory council decided to press ahead with the closure. However, in a very open public manner they were exposed as liars.

Not only did Cllr Wicks completely disrespect the parents that had objected, he totally disregarded the diocese who have now decided that they do not agree with the council and do not want the school to close.

They are fully behind the school and sent in a letter objecting to the closure.

At no point did Cllr Wicks address this issue, which I must highlight is important as the council were very quick to highlight the diocese' initial support for the council closing the school (due to false information) and shows yet again their total lack of professionalism with the whole process.

But the big issue that came to light yesterday was the fact that the council had suddenly suggested alternative schools for our children.

How? I stopped the meeting in order to ask the councillors to confirm that there were places for all our children at these schools as I had paperwork to confirm that there are none.

I offered to call these schools with the councillors to confirm this to be true. They refused to listen or act.

I went ahead and called all the schools in front of all present at the meeting to confirm places.

There are none. Not one school could offer even one place to a child.

While I made these calls the councillors tried to have me removed from the premises.

I refused and continued to prove that they had lied.

So I ask Yourmedway to ask these questions; where will our children go? Why close a successful school? Why have the council ignored such an important authority as the Church of England?

This must be put out to the public. Stop this from happening. Let the people of Medway know they are being deceived and lied to.

Sam Whittington, by email

Our youngsters excel at D of E awards

Medway's young people never cease to amaze me. I recently had the pleasure of attending the presentation ceremony for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards at Rochester Cathedral. The number of recipients of Gold, Silver and Bronze awards was staggering, the second highest in the country.

One thing to always remember is that along with the hard work and effort of the young people, the thousands of hours given free by others volunteering to allow activities and

TALK TIME

HELEN BRADSHAW



The Alternate Shadows member talks about the Borstal-based drama group

How did you get involved with Alternate Shadows?

By accident. I was directing a murder mystery for a local charity and we'd hired Cleve Warne Hall, home of Alternate Shadows, for the production. My daughter's godfather was involved and he later became a member, dragging me along a year or so later.

What attracts you to drama?

It's a fantastic stress relief; it takes you completely out of yourself. It makes you look at things differently, to question, to be creative.

What are your aspirations?

To do more writing, play more baddies and perform at the Edinburgh Fringe again.

How has drama benefited you?

It's been fantastic for my self-confidence. My friends laugh when I say I'm shy, but I am! Joining a drama group as a teenager really helped my confidence to grow. Drama is a wonderful way to make new friends.

events to take place makes the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme a real positive outcome for Medway. My congratulations to all involved.

Cllr Vince Maple, by email



Rude insults detract from weighty issue

I am surprised and disappointed that you allowed your blogger Gary Wright to descend to shrill and hateful abuse of fat people.

He called them names. He accused them of being greedy, inactive and smelly. The latter two accusations are not true of any of the overweight people I know. As for greed, Mr Wright may be thin, but can he truthfully claim he does not overindulge in anything, however much stress he is under?

Yourmedway is right to encourage debate, and whether airlines should charge extra for passengers over a certain weight limit is a legitimate



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topic for debate.

However, you should not permit guest columnists to indulge in puerile insults.

For the record, I do not think his bile was aimed at me. My favourite pair of jeans are a size 12 and they fit me. This is about the principle.

Katharine A Gilchrist, by email

Gary has the Wright anti-fat attitude

I commend Gary Wright for having the courage to publicly support the proposed 'fat tax' for overweight airline passengers.

I completely agree that if one person takes up more room and weighs significantly more than his or her fellow passengers they should pay more for a flight, particularly if their immense mass is largely a product of their own greed.

I was once duped by a friend of a friend's partner into believing that thyroid problems had caused her to balloon from a size 10 to 18, only to discover months later she had a passion for Chinese takeaways.

Reading Gary's blog inspired me to write about a pet hate of my own with regard to the obese - the vast amount of attention former fatties are given by the media when they shed a stone or two.

It isn't only celebrities whose weight loss adorns the pages of newspapers and magazines, local papers are getting in on the act too, praising faceless nobodies for dropping a few dress - or shirt - sizes.

However, the journalists writing

these stories, and probably a lot of the people reading them, are forgetting one significant point - that these people allowed themselves to pile on the pounds in the first place.

Of course weight loss for individuals who are clinically or morbidly obese is a positive thing - for their health and self-esteem and for the poor passengers who have to sit next to them on planes - but do they really deserve all the credit and media exposure they receive?

Lots of people lead healthy lives - exercising, eating fruit and veg, moderating their intake of alcohol and pies - and never get fat.

Is it fair that they get credit for losing the weight they gained through greed and "thinnies" get no credit for keeping the weight off?

Have you ever seen a headline announcing: "Mum of four, 49, still fits into teen clothes" accompanied by a photo of a smug-looking size-8 woman holding up a tiny dress?

Probably not, and you probably never will.

I'm not for one moment suggesting we shouldn't encourage fatties who want to slim down to a healthy weight, but I do think we should remember how they came to be that big in the first place.

Emily Grant, size 10, Sittingbourne, by email

Hope he can develop a sense of empathy

I pity Gary Wright. He evidently believes it to be the pinnacle of cleverness to ridicule obesity sufferers.

In his blog he describes large folk as fatties, porkies and lard-arces.

These insulting colloquialisms will have no doubt been lapped up by bullies who delight in hurling fattist abuse at those among us struggling with a weight problem.

Everyone else will have been disgusted and offended by his display of gross insensitivity.

British law now rightly offers people protection from written articles discriminating against them over their race and age.

Unfortunately no statute yet exists affording the same reassuring level of security towards someone carrying an excessive amount of adipose tissue.

They are still fair game, waiting to be targeted by any cruel columnist who sees fit to mock them.

Not all corpulent people are selfish gluttons as Gary Wright so ignorantly states.

A vast proportion of the clinically obese have mental-health issues to contend with and comfort eat in an attempt to sooth away the pain of their difficult lives.

They are deeply unhappy with their body image and are entirely conscious of the damage they are doing to their health, but have not yet found the strength to break their powerful addiction to high-fat/calorie foods.

Being fat is not a heinous crime so why must fat people continually be made to feel like public enemy number one?

I hope that Gary Wright will one day be able to develop a more sympathetic attitude to our more amply proportioned citizens.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler, by email

Young unemployed need our support

It is no secret that young people have borne the brunt of this recession. More than one in seven (14 per cent) of young people living in the south-east of England are now on the dole - that's 89,600 16-24-year-olds.

But it is all too easy to dismiss these young people as a "lost generation". Each one of them has skills and talents that could make a real difference to this country.

The alarming new report from The Prince's Trust and the Citi Foundation reveals that the south-east could lose thousands of vital workers - nurses, teachers, doctors and social workers - if we fail to help young people find jobs.

Young people are not only struggling to fulfil their ambitions, but nearly 15,000 living in our region are also missing out on necessities such as food and heating. More than 30,000 fear they will never have enough money to provide for themselves or their children.

We can't afford to stifle these young talents now, particularly as we emerge from the longest recession on record. Those with fewest qualifications need our support the most, as they struggle to compete with unemployed graduates flooding the jobs market.

Only by investing in young people now can we ensure this undiscovered generation isn't lost forever.

Rosemary Watt-Wynnes, regional director for The Prince's Trust, by email

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Each week we get a mystery writer to air their views on living in Medway...

Neither rhyme nor reason to nanny state's new orthodoxy

LET'S relax and take a nostalgic look at the nursery rhymes so beloved by young children.

Altogether now: "Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water. There was none as extreme weather due to climate change had caused a drought."

The reason why: "Extreme weather conditions such as flooding, heat waves and storms will become more frequent and intense."

Or how about: "Rub a dub dub, three men in a tub – a necessary course of action due to flash flooding caused by climate change."

This is of course because: "Climate change is happening. Temperature and sea levels are rising. Extreme weather events such as storms, floods and heat waves will become more frequent and intense. If we carry on at this rate, life in 25 years could be very different." Maybe: "Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall – to escape rising sea levels caused by climate change melting the polar ice caps."

Okay, so the last one is made up, but the first two are not and the Advertising Standards Authority has ruled them unnecessarily alarmist. And who made them up? Why the Government, of course, showing nothing is safe from the nanny state. Not even innocent children's verse.

Even plans to re-run the famous TV ad from the 1960s featuring Tony Hancock – to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the "go to work on an egg" strapline – fell foul of the Broadcast Advertising Clearance Centre.

BACC felt the ad "goes against what is now the generally accepted advice of a varied diet". And Shelter has fallen foul of the radio equivalent, RACC, for a campaign that promotes its housing advice service because the ads are deemed to be too political and denigrate the Government and its services.

The ads, which point out that there is a three-year waiting list for council houses, were deemed to breach the 2003 Communications Act. So maybe it isn't just a load of interfering

busybodies. Perhaps there's an agenda, to stifle debate on subjects the Government doesn't want highlighted – a frightening thought.

The advocates of climate change are targeting the young to ensure they grow up maintaining an orthodox viewpoint. Any deviation puts the proposer firmly in a corner occupied by the likes of Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Littlejohn. So let's hear it for trendy causes across the spectrum:

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Kissed the boys and made them cry,
But when they complained to No 10,
Gordon Brown did nothing, as Georgie was a member of a minority group which can legitimately state opposition to its practises constitutes harassment and perpetrators may find themselves charged with a hate crime."

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It is situated just off the M2 so perfect for a drink and dinner after shopping at Bluewater.

It is also near lovely stretches of countryside and a park, so is ideal for walkers

Small or large groups are catered for and the pub is particularly popular with hikers who enjoy the excellent local landscape.

The See Ho has been an institution in

the Medway area for many years and is open from 11am to 3pm and 6-11pm each day.

Current favourites include a rump steak meal for two with a bottle of house wine for just £20 (usual price £38.85)

All of the dishes are complemented by excellent beers and wines which the knowledgeable staff ensure are kept perfectly.

Easter weekend will also see some offers, and there is a quiz night every Sunday and live music on Thursdays.

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Great food and good music in stylish diner

■ Lily Spice

The Lily Spice is a unique Indian restaurant where owner Ali Choudary has spent a long time perfecting the surroundings.

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Ali has owned Ace of Spice in Gillingham for some time and that eatery has developed an enviable reputation for quality.

He took over Lily Spice in October last year.

Ali feels the best people to talk about his restaurant are the customers so Chloe from Stockbury and Ellie from Rainham gave him their views after a chicken cooked in sliced onion, cucumber and tomato and fish tikka.

They complimented the staff on the friendly atmosphere, polite waiters, atmospheric lighting and the food which draws them and their families back time and time again – especially on banquet nights or for a dance on a special musical tribute night. The girls were keen to give the venue top marks – 10 out of 10.

The venue is easily accessible with ample parking and its friendly atmosphere ensures large parties and intimate diners are equally catered for. A Sunday buffet, costing £8.95 for adults and £4.95 for children, is popular, as is the Wednesday banquet nights which include a choice of starter, main meal, side dish and sundries (except king prawns) for £9.95.

Lily Spice is open from noon until 3pm and 6pm until late

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FINE CHOICE: Young diners Chloe and Ellie were very impressed at Ali Choudary's Lily Spice restaurant

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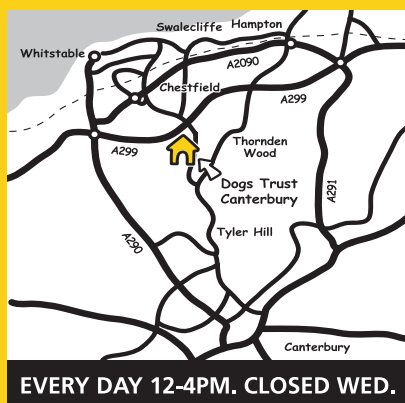
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Getting heavy in Loft

A NIGHT of heavy metal music is being staged at The Loft in Maidstone on Saturday.

Elimination, Divine Chaos and Sirated will play downstairs from 7pm, presented by the Pandemonium Club, and DJ Stumpy will play until 2am.

Entry is £5 on the door or 34 in advance, from The Thirsty Pig in Knightrider Street.

Discover your ancestry

KENT Family History Society will be helping people to discover their family history with www.ancestry.co.uk.

Three sessions take place at Gillingham Library next Wednesday and there are just four places available in each session.

The site is free to use at all Medway libraries. To book call 01634 337340.

Tales of crime on screen

ITALIAN organised crime provides the backdrop for the award-winning film Gomorrah (cert 15).

The drama tells five stories of people touched by crime. Gomorrah is at the Hazlitt Theatre in Maidstone at 8pm on Monday, screened by the Maidstone Film Society. For details visit www.maidstone-film-society.org.uk.

Saturday night magic

SATURDAY night will go with a bang at Liquid and Envy in Maidstone when the new special effects team arrives.

Clubbers can look forward to some extra magic to add to the clubs' existing lighting and sound. Admission costs £4.50 before 10.30pm and £6.50 afterwards. For details and to book visit www.liquidclubs.com/maidstone.

Classics at the theatre

WORKS by Wagner, Barber and Haydn will feature in a concert by the City of London Sinfonia at the Central Theatre in Chatham at 7.30pm on Thursday.

This will be followed by informal live music in the bar and there will be a pre-concert talk at 6.45pm.

Tickets cost £18/£15. Book at www.the-centraltheatre.co.uk or on 01634 338338.

Pupils' work on show

CREATIVE students from Medway schools explore the theme of My Town in a public showcase today.

From artwork to a live performance, the pupils' work will be on display at the Brook Theatre in Chatham from 4.30pm to 9pm and admission is free.

Show could save your relationship

DEFENDING THE CAVEMAN

Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28
Central Theatre, Chatham



THE battle of the sexes goes back to basics with the acclaimed one-man show, *Defending the Caveman*.

Now the longest-running solo show in Broadway history, the play has been performed to more than 15 million people worldwide and this week it returns to Kent after a successful visit last year.

Former *Neighbours* star Mark Little steps into the spotlight to lead the audience on an exploration of the key differences between men and women.

This hilarious but truthful show will have audiences laughing as they recognise their own behaviour in the stories, as Little offers observations of contemporary feminism and masculine sensitivity.

The play was first created by Rob Becker in San Francisco in 1991 and when Little first took on the role in 2000, the production won a Best Entertainment Olivier Award. After touring for three years, Little decided to stop performing the show as the owner would not allow changes to the script which Little felt were necessary for a British audience.

But a few years later, the rights changed hands and he was granted the freedom he needed to revive the show.

Along with his wife, director Cathy Farr, Little was able to make the changes that he felt would make the show more relevant in the UK and the show was back on the road.

As well as providing hilarious entertainment, Little believes that *Defending the Caveman* offers genuine insights into the male and female psyche. The experience could help men and women to understand each other better, while also rekindling romance as partners see the world through each other's eyes.

The show explores the reasons behind relationship difficulties and ponders whether the male behaviour that angers women could stem from the days when men worshipped females.

By exploring the idea that the gender traits which cause such conflict are an ancient part of the human make-up, Little encourages people to see each their partners in a new light and celebrate their differences.

He also explores 21st century problems like a lack of role models for young men and the changing way in which masculinity is viewed. Described as 'a comic thesis' rather than stand-up, this charming and entertaining show is a real treat for both men and women.

Best-known for his role as Joe Mangel in Australian soap opera *Neighbours*, Little became a huge star in both his native country and the UK after joining the show in 1988. He played the lovable rogue for three years and made a brief return to Ramsay Street in 2005 to mark the soap's 20th anniversary, but



Britain is now his adopted home and he has lived here for the last 18 years.

Since his days in *Neighbours*, Little has become a star of the stage and has taken a number of shows to the Edinburgh Festival. He has appeared in pantomime and two years ago, he played manic-depressive Roy in a London production of *Così*, Louis Nowra's play about a university student who is asked to stage a show in a mental hospital. In the mid-90s Little replaced Chris Evans as host of

Channel 4's *Big Breakfast* and has also appeared in films such as *Blackball*.

Performances start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £20/£19, group discount available. To book call the box office on 01634 338338 or visit www.thecentraltheatre.co.uk.

Defending the Caveman can also be seen at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford, from May 9 to 11. Call 01322 220000 or visit www.orchardtheatre.co.uk to book. The show is not suitable for under-16s.



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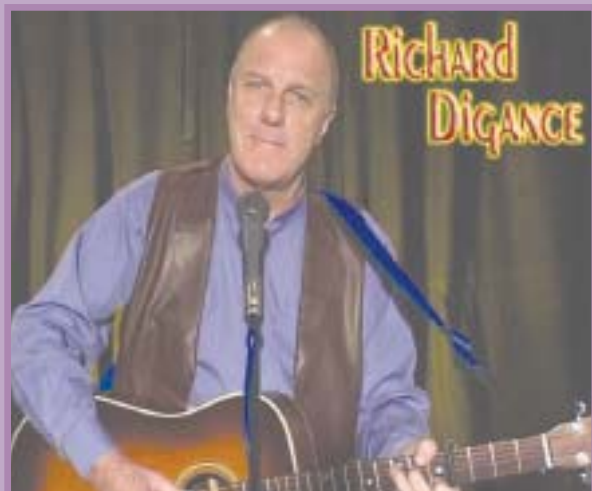
Charles Webb's novel was turned into an iconic film in 1967 starring Dustin Hoffman as Benjamin, a confused youngster who returns from university only to realise that he has no idea what to do next. He finds comfort in the arms of Mrs Robinson, an older woman who sets out to seduce him and subsequently helps to bolster his confidence.

But the story becomes more complicated when Benjamin falls in love with Mrs Robinson's

daughter, Elaine, and his older lover is determined to prevent the match.

Mike Dickinson plays the confused graduate, opposite Melody Holeyman as the captivating Mrs Robinson and Chris Parnell as her oblivious husband. Elaine is played by Becky Huckle, with Angela Clark and Del De Lorne as Benjamin's parents. Newcomer Aaron Carter completes the cast.

Audiences should be aware that the play features mild scenes of nudity. To book, call the box office on 01634 400322 or go online at www.mlt.org.uk.



RICHARD DIGANCE

Saturday, March 27. Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone

COMEDIAN Richard Digance is a BAFTA-nominated artist who blends musical talent with comedic expertise.

Digance was a regular on television during the 1980s, his great songwriting skills and hilarious stories making him a favourite with viewers. In 2003 he received the Gold Award from the British Academy of Composers and Songwriters, an honour which was also presented to Sir Cliff Richard and Midge Ure.

First emerging in the 1970s, Digance supported a variety of world class music and comedy

acts, such as Steve Martin, Robin Williams, Roy Orbison and The Beach Boys.

His popular TV specials ran for 11 years and featured him playing guitar with, among others, Brian May and Status Quo. Now Digance is one of Britain's top comedy and music guitarists, in great demand on the live circuit. He has also been a popular guest on the quiz show *Countdown*.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15/£13. To book call the box office on 01622 758611 or visit the website at www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk.

THE SOLID SILVER 60S SHOW

Tuesday, March 30. Orchard Theatre, Dartford.

CELEBRATE the best of British music when The Solid Silver 60s Show brings a stellar line-up to Kent.

For its 25th anniversary tour, the production has assembled a fantastic bill of iconic bands including very special guests, The Troggs. Kent-based group Vanity Fare, pictured, will also be performing in this evening of nostalgic musical entertainment.

With their hit songs such as *Wild Thing* and *Love Is All Around*, The Troggs – whose line-up includes two founder members, front man Reg Presley and lead guitarist Chris Britton – continue to delight audiences both young and old.

During the 60s, the Swinging Blue Jeans were one of the most famous bands of the Merseybeat era and 40 years later, founder member Ray Ennis is still rocking. Charismatic performer Dave Berry scored hits with *Mama* and *The Crying Game*, while Mike Pender was the original voice of The Searchers.

Brian Poole achieved a number of top five hits with The Tremeloes and Peter Sarstedt topped the charts with his Ivor Novello Award-winner, *Where Do You Go To (My Lovely)*.

Tickets cost £23/£21. Book online at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk or call 01322 220000.



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DATE WITH NATURE

Saturday, March 27 to Sunday, April 18.
Leeds Castle, near Maidstone

KEEP a date with nature at Leeds Castle this spring as the RSPB offers the chance to learn about wildlife.

To coincide with the Kent Big Day Out, the charity is launching the Date with Nature event on Saturday.

A viewing area will be set up in the grounds where visitors can take a closer look at the birds using telescopes and binoculars.

Staff will help to identify the many different birds that can be spotted at Leeds Castle, such as the moorhens and grebes seen on the water.

Visitors might be lucky enough to see a sparrowhawk or buzzard fly overhead and there will be opportunities to watch footage from bird feeder cameras.

The viewing stand will be set up by the main path, past the aviary, overlooking Great Water and there will be lots of help on hand to use the equipment and identify the birds.

The RSPB's Date with Nature will run again in August. For details call 01273 775333 or visit www.rspb.org.uk/datewithnature.

KENT GAME AND EQUINE FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28
Kent Showground, Detling

HORSES and hounds will be in action this weekend at the Kent Game and Equine Festival.

A new indoor equine arena will host a variety of exciting events this year and international show jumper Geoff Billington will give two demonstrations each day.

Other attractions include the Pony Club horse and hound challenge in which four local clubs – East Kent Hunt, Isle of Sheppey, West Street and South Down Hunt East – will compete on Sunday. Each team is made up of horse and rider, with a runner and hound, and their efforts will be judged by Billington.

The shopping village boasts more than 100 equine and country trade stands, while other attractions include a sports horse and competition stallion parade, a side-saddle demonstration, clay shooting, air rifle coaching, dog shows, falconry, archery, racing ferrets, vintage tractors and the Game Cookery Theatre.

The event runs from 10am to 4pm and tickets on the gate cost £8/£7 for adults, £6 for children and £23 for families. Advance tickets can be booked on 01749 813899 or visiting www.contour.uk.net.



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THE ART OF THE MATTER 27-year-old female, 5ft8, medium-curved build, N/S, enjoys reading, painting, cinema, walks, W/LTM all, attractive male, 23-32, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 442644

STEP UP TO THE OCHE WITH ME! Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

SOUND GOOD? Social lady, 29, likes walks, swimming, VGSOH, like to meet a man, 30-55 for lots of fun. Brighton. Box 463984

FANCY A CUDDLE? Loving single mum, 29, shoulder length black hair, brown eyes, 5ft3, slim and sexy, part-time carer, looking for reliable, loving male, Canterbury. Box 464326

IS ANYONE OUT THERE? 31yr old easygoing, independent female, W/LTM cuddly fella to enjoy the finer things in life with, leading to LTR with the right person. Box 879931

COULD I BE THE ONE? Single mum, 33, divorced, looking to meet a male who enjoys walks, going out, time in and out and much more. Maidstone. Box 464835

HORSES FOR COURSES... Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

HAPPY DAYS! Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, W/LTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

SHREK'S APPEAL! Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more. Box 877957

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair, enjoys eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453033

GROW OLD WITH ME Single mum, 37yrs old, slim build, honest, kind and caring. I'm looking for LTR, love and romance with nice guy in Maidstone area. Box 860164

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE Mum of three, 38, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male, 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

MAGIC IN MARGATE Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

FAMILY LIFE Fun to be with woman, 39, I love life, drinks in, walks, family life etc, looking for a similar man in the Canterbury area. Box 467392

CUTE AS CAN BE Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983

SHOW ME HEAVEN Black lady, 38yr old, enjoys swimming, films and bird watching. Fairly new to the area, W/LTM a male for friendship and maybe romance. Box 441608

FAMILY ORIENTATED Eastbourne based woman, 39, 5ft8, slim-medium build. I'm a single mum, and enjoy cooking, music, family life. If you like the same, get in touch! Box 464034

FOR A RELATIONSHIP? Shy but confident-one known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

HAPPINESS, THE GREATEST GIFT... Shy female, 40, 5ft9, blue eyes, short blonde hair, medium build, loves going out, wiring and dining, holidays; seeking like minded gentleman to be happy with. Box 446763

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CALL ME Single, Asian lady, 41, living in Tunbridge Wells. I'm easygoing and fun loving and W/LTM single male to spend time with. Box 465481

BE MY FRIEND AND PARTNER Hi there, I'm female, 43, 5ft6, medium build, long dark hair/green eyes, enjoys cinema, eating out etc and W/LTM genuine, caring, loving male. Chatham. Box 466612

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU? Single mum, 42, from Ashford, 5ft9, dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pubs, days out and keeping fit, looking for a caring and fun-loving gent, 5ft9+. Box 461129

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, gosh, looking for a man with no issues and gosh who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204

ACTIVE TYPE Lively, energetic fun loving mum, 43, 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair, hazel eyes, W/LTM honest, fun gent for lasting relationship. Box 451819

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc, looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gosh for friendship/relationship. Box 453408

SWEET AS HONEY Petite, slim, honey-blond lady, 5'4" age 44, enjoys the seaside and horse-racing, looking for a dark-haired, genuine, honest and professional man, 25-50 in Brighton. Box 458465

HOW YOU DOING? Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128

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ANOTHER CHAPTER Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green-blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037

FIT THE BILL? Fit and healthy woman, average build. I'm 44, young looking and love animals. I would love to meet a sincere fella to spend time with. Maidstone. Box 466419

NEW TO THIS Attractive single mum of 2, 43yrs old, 5ft1, medium build, GSOH, likes cooking, spending time with family & animals, W/LTM fun loving, kind, genuine man. Kent. Box 855182

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY Bubbly female, 44, brunette, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

POSSIBLE LTR African lady, full figured and radiant! I'm a Christian, 46, 5ft4, attractive, caring and intelligent and enjoy jazz, travel, theatre, W/LTM decent, white male, Gillingham. Box 466617

ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 461938

COME ON OVER Fun-loving girl, 47, dark hair/eyes, attractive, looking for a similar male to enjoy nights out and good conversation. Rainham. Box 854480

NOTHING VENTURED... Humble lady, 47, GSOH, down to earth, non-smoker, enjoys life, likes meals and days out, seeks a life-loving guy to enjoy a meal with. Rochester. Box 466286

YOUNG AT HEART Young 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for fit, handsome, intelligent, full of fun, sexy, worldly man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444368

HELP ME OPEN UP Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, W/LTM male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585

ETERNALLY YOURS Easygoing woman, likes most things in life; country walks, films, cinema, cooking. I'm 46, 5ft2, medium build, W/LTM genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635

NORMAL GAL Female, 48, divorced and happy, 5ft7, looking for genuine man, laughter, sincerity, smart, kind, tall honest man, age under 49 and over 30 a must. Maidstone. Box 866380

A REAL DIAMOND African lady, 47, honest, loving and caring, enjoy most things in life, looking for a male, 50+, for a LTR. Canterbury. Box 460999

MAKE IT ENJOYABLE Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460686

DREAM LOVER Petite blonde, young 49, loving, caring, enjoy music, walking, theatre dining in/out, looking for friendship and more with a genuine, caring and honest man. Rochester. Box 854822

BY MY SIDE Curvy woman, 49, 5ft10, enjoys being by the sea, music, walks, meals out, cinema, cross-words, and reading. Seeking kind, caring man in the Maidstone area. Box 466808

ARE YOU LOVING AND CARING? Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089

FAMILY LIFE Warm hearted lady, 51, look younger! I'm 5ft8, slim build, with blonde hair, divorced (grown up children), W/LTM nice man, 40/50's in the Aylesford area. Box 461834

HERE AND NOW Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

GETTING TO KNOW YOU Slim blonde, 51, 5ft3, very caring, active, loves DIY and gardening, with a man with similar interests to get to know better. Sheerness. Box 467112

JUST IMAGINE Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, W/LTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

CARING & PROFESSIONAL Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 471100

LOVELY BUBBLY Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gosh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311

MEANT TO BE? Very honest, reliable and trustworthy person, 52, 5ft7, blonde with blue eyes, loves cinema, meals out and nights out, seeking sociable male with same interests. Ashford. Box 466150

IT COULD BE US Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5ft3, slim, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. Kent. Box 464601

A HIGHER LOVE Looking for that special person, I'm a genuine lady, 54 but don't feel it! I'd like to meet someone to love and care for. Canterbury. Box 857551

YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL... Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I'm a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 863410

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS? Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863

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LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS! Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

SMART MOVE Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854

MUSIC TO MY EARS Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5'9", slim build, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914

WALKS ALONG THE COAST Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

DREAMS OF YOU Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448566

LOTS OF HUGS Positive woman, 60, independent but sociable, I'm 5ft4, red hair/green eyes, slim build, Hythe, enjoys art and walks, seeking similar, intelligent man, lively, reliable. Box 464002

SIMPLE PLEASURES Hi there, I'm a 61yr old lady, blonde hair/green eyes, medium build, I love dancing, walking by the sea and W/LTM like minded gent. Box 459467

THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE 59yr old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kind-spirited who loves animals, going for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 900143

BRIGHTENING UP Cuddly lady, 61, 5ft5, blonde, likes swimming, country pubs, cinema and much more, W/LTM tallish single man to hopefully brighten each others lives. Box 870214

BE YOURSELF Outgoing lady, active, 60, tolerant, open-minded, loves life animals, and genuine people, seeks a sincere man for romance. Margate. Box 865760

HOMELY LADY Easygoing lady, 61, 5ft1, walks, cosy nights, pubs meals etc. I'm hoping to meet someone for friendship, and then we'll see. Folkestone. Box 466963

ONLY LOVE CLASSIC Intelligent, happy, slim, attractive, fit and active lady, 62, gosh, enjoys travel, gardening etc, looking for that special friend to share life with. Box 883791

LOVE ME DO Loving and caring lady, 63, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, likes most things in life, looking for a caring and considerate male for friendship, hopefully a LTR. Margate. Box 460082

QUALITY TIME Widow, early 60's, likes dancing, drinks, gardening, socialising, and walks works, seeking a good gent. Ramsgate. Box 460672

LIFE IS GOOD! Slim, attractive lady, 65, enjoy outdoors pursuits, dog walking, socialising and music, lots of love and life to give to the right person. Maidstone. Box 466636

SHARE FRIENDSHIP Lady of 67 year of age, tall, dark hair, non-smoker, likes a bit of gardening, fishing, the seaside, going out, reading, cross-words. Margate. Box 467419

WALK THE BEACH Easygoing loving male, 45, dark hair, blue eyes, 5ft6, slim-medium build, seeks hol, day-loving lady for LTR. Ashford. Box 467263

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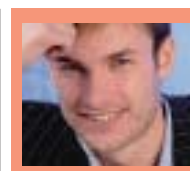
YOU AND I TOGETHER Easygoing hard worker, 45, slim, fit, looking for someone to settle down with who's honest, truthful and wanting to settle down. Gillingham. Box 466559

ROMANTIC TYPE Caring, romantic, loyal gent, 45yrs young, 5ft11, slim build, blue eyes/brown hair. I like walks, music, animals and pubs, seeks lady 35-50. East Sussex. Box 466613

MY HEART TO YOU 37 year old gay female from Kent, dark brown eyes, dark hair, loves the outdoors and fresh air, gardening, DIY, seeks feminine lady for love. Box 467298

TAKE A CHANCE Honest female, 43, 5'2, medium build, fun-loving, likes clubs, pubs, eating out, nights in, looking for a female for friendship to settle, hopefully a LTR. Rochester. Box 466078

HONEST AND SINCERE Woman seeking woman. I'm 63, fit/healthy, a veggie, have grown up kids and enjoy the sea, photography, the arts, red wine and laughter. Whitstable. Box 466597



MEN seeking women

SNOG, MARRY OR AVOID? Kent guy, 30, enjoy sport, painting, music, looking for a female, similar age possibly older, for friendship and romance. Ashford. Box 851895

FOR LOVE Hard working male, 29, 5ft10, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harder likes going/feeling out, walks, pubs, loves life, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752

WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET Single dad, 34, 5ft7, brown hair/dark eyes. Hoping to meet a nice woman. I'm laid back and wear my heart on my sleeve. Chatham. Box 464419

FULL OF LIFE Ashford man, 35, I'm single, no ties, and looking for a similar woman. I'm 6ft6, with blue eyes/brown hair and enjoy pubs/clubs, eating out etc. Box 467416

BOTTLE OF WINE Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft8, medium build, brown hair. I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN Seeking genuine lady. I'm a 38yr old male, 5ft9, dark hair/blue eyes. I work hard and play hard, would like to enjoy spare time with partner. Box 449649

THE GOOD LIFE Young looking male, 39, quiet guy, looking for a LTR, want to relax and enjoy life together, with the right woman. Box 858113

SPONTANEITY Young 39yr old male, good looking, 5ft9, medium build, dark hair/blue eyes, enjoys boating, country pubs, walks etc, W/LTM like minded lady. Sittingbourne area. Box 467062

NEW IN TOWN Good-looking male, 39, fair hair, blue eyes, nice build and height, social, likes holidays, dining out, fit, seeking a woman to go out with. Rochester. Box 460825

LOVE TO LAUGH Looking for a love to earth green eyed lady. Must have a sense of humour and laugh at life's little surprises! I'm 39 with GSOH...Hastings. Box 862208

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Margate. Box 443750

FUN & OUTGOING? Young at heart 44yr old male, stocky build, 5ft10, Kent based, father, honest and down-to-earth, likes music, nights in, walking the dog, seeks genuine lady. Box 851804

GOOD LOOKING BLOKE Tall man medium build, 44, 5ft9, brown hair/eyes, with an outgoing nature, looking for a female similar to myself with long hair. Box 871274

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FOR FUN & ROMANCE Canterbury male, 48, white, 6ft3, medium-large build, likes cycling and walking to keep fit, and boats! W/LTM slim black lady for possible LTR. Box 465219

GET BACK TO ME Good looking divorced man, 48, 6ft, likes keeping in shape, loves music and gigs; seeking slim lady, 30-40, relaxed, laid-back, for hopeful good relationship. Hythe. Box 460338

LOVE AND TRUST Honest, caring man, 50, 5'11", likes cinema, country-side, beach walks, meals out/in, restaurants, looking for honest, caring lady 45-55, Medway area. Box 852889

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR! Youthful dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, W/LTM female, 36-45, slim, for friendship. Cranbrook. Box 737529

MOVING ON... Young 52, I'm a caring male with a GSOH, enjoys sport, music and eating out, and I would like to meet a similar lady. Rochester. Box 467388

AROUND AND AROUND Active male, 5'9", dark hair, 57, keeps fit, cycles, seeking a cuddly, curly, mature lady for friendship. Canterbury. Box 467423

SAIL AWAY Young male, 58, slim, fair hair, hard working, boat owner, likes cinema and dining out, seeks slim laidback non-smoker. Rochester. Box 467342

A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS TOGETHER? Adventurous male, 57, 5ft7, likes walks, animals, eating in and out, camping and holidays, W/LTM likewise lady with similar interests. Box 449963

IT'S A SHORE THING Genuine male, 58, 5'10", GSOH, slim/medium build, like animals, cooking, beach/country walks, driving, W/LTM loving, caring woman to share good times together. Seaford. Box 459280

A NORMAL GOOD GUY 62 year old very youthful guy, 5ft9, slim, athletic, smart, hard working, intelligent, seeks similar broad-minded lady for potential companionship. Hythe. Box 467327

RELIGHT MY FIRE! Hi! I'm male, 52, an ex-fireman, South East Kent, 6ft2, stocky build, retired, I like walks, pets, cooking, cinema, meals in and out. Box 455977

Men seeking men

TALL ORDER 40yr old chap, 5ft8, dark, slim/muscular build, good looking, looking for a tall guy for fun. Box 439132

FANCY A DVD? Caring gentle guy, 45, slim, 5ft9, short hair, looking for guys in the Medway area for fun foremost and then whatever else follows. Rochester. Box 459815

COME ON, GIVE US A CALL! Large passive male, 52-looks younger, seeking top man for fun times, friendship and love.

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES Active 52yr old man in fairly good shape, looking to meet a nice man for relaxation, conversation and good times. Box 452249

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Carrey excels in true story of a gay conman trying to go straight

■ BY DAMON SMITH

RUBBER-face funnyman Jim Carrey delivers his best dramatic performance since *Eternal Sunshine Of The Spotless Mind* in this improbable and utterly incredible true story.

Based on a novel by investigative reporter Steve McVicker, *I Love You Phillip Morris* charts the romance of two prison inmates and their subsequent journey of self-discovery on both sides of the bars.

Writer-directors Glenn Ficarra and John Requa (*Bad Santa*) strike a pleasing balance between laughter and soul-searching in this oddball comedy.

Smouldering

Crucially, Carrey generates smouldering screen chemistry as Stephen Russell with co-star Ewan McGregor, convincing us that undying love and a daredevil spirit can overcome anything.

Truth is far, far stranger than Ficarra and Requa's entertaining fiction, which takes dramatic licence with dialogue and abbreviates the exploits of their white-collar crime during the 1980s and 1990s.

They escaped incarceration four times and paid a terrible price for humiliating the US prison service.

The real Russell was handed a 144-year sentence and must spend 23 hours every day confined to his cell without visitors. That's no laughing matter.

When we first meet Stephen, he is a happily married police officer with a beautiful wife, Debbie, and a young daughter.

However, the family man has a secret: he is gay.

When he can no longer keep the secret, Stephen comes out to his wife and moves to Florida with boyfriend Jimmy.



INSTANT ATTRACTION: Ewan McGregor and Jim Carrey as Phillip Morris and conman Stephen Russell

The cost of living fabulously is perilously high, and Stephen breaks the law to finance his lavish tastes.

The authorities eventually catch up with the swindler and sentence him to time in prison, where he meets softly spoken Phillip Morris (Ewan McGregor).

Struggles

The attraction is instant, and Stephen schemes to become his lover's cellmate.

When he finally gains parole, Stephen poses as a lawyer to get Phillip out of prison early, but once they are united on the outside, the

former con man struggles to mend his ways.

Phillip lands a high-profile position as chief financial officer at a large corporation, where the temptation to embezzle is irresistible.

When the police invariably come knocking for their man, Phillip is distraught: "I don't care about the money," he pleads.

"All I want is you. I just want us to be together."

I Love You Phillip Morris is sweet, sexy and at times hilarious, posing the obvious dilemma: can a gay con man go straight?

Carrey keeps his usual nervous tics and funny voices in check and the rapport with

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McGregor, sporting a Southern accent and cropped blond hair, anchors the picture.

Ficarra and Requa treat characters with affection and don't shy away from the physicality of Stephen and Phillip's relationship, creating a wonderfully odd couple.

We believe in the characters and root for them, even though we know that everything Phillip says and does is for his own financial and emotional gain.

I LOVE YOU PHILLIP MORRIS Certificate 15



FORGETTABLE: Pete Waterman and Graham Norton preside over the debacle



YOUR TV REVIEW YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU: BBC 1 Friday

■ BY THOMAS BETTS

NOT even Eurovision is safe from phone vote, talent show hell these days.

The annual contest is held in late May, but we have already had to endure the usual BBC nonsense that goes with picking the entry.

How we select our annual anthem seems to change a bit each year, but the process is slowly but surely morphing into yet another X Factor clone.

Last year Andrew Lloyd Webber used the exercise for self promotion purposes, but this time around it is Pete Waterman who has hijacked the event.

Armed with a song so bad that it wouldn't have got within a country mile of being a Steps B side, he lorded it up over the contestants who talked emotionally about how it was their "dream to represent Britain".

I suspect their dream is actually to be on the telly, and get a little face time in the media, but maybe I'm just a cynic.

The Waterman-penned track 'That Sounds Good to Me' is the song destined to fill a million bargain bins.

Quite a title, as it doesn't sound good to anyone, and even he knows it.

The only thing more forgettable than the song itself were the contestants, none of whose names I can remember.

There was some guy with an OK voice, some girl who forgot the words, and another guy who looked like he had escaped from being a redcoat at Butlins... and they were the finalists!

In the half-hour leading up to the

final three performances, voters chose which of the acts to hear sing the official song live, consigning the rest to absolute heartbreak.

It was a bit like deciding which village idiot to bludgeon to death first, although the audience seemed to be enjoying it all.

Big Pete himself seemed rather unimpressed by the charisma-free numpties, while co-writer Mick Stock looked like he was looking for the fire escape for the duration of the whole sorry affair.

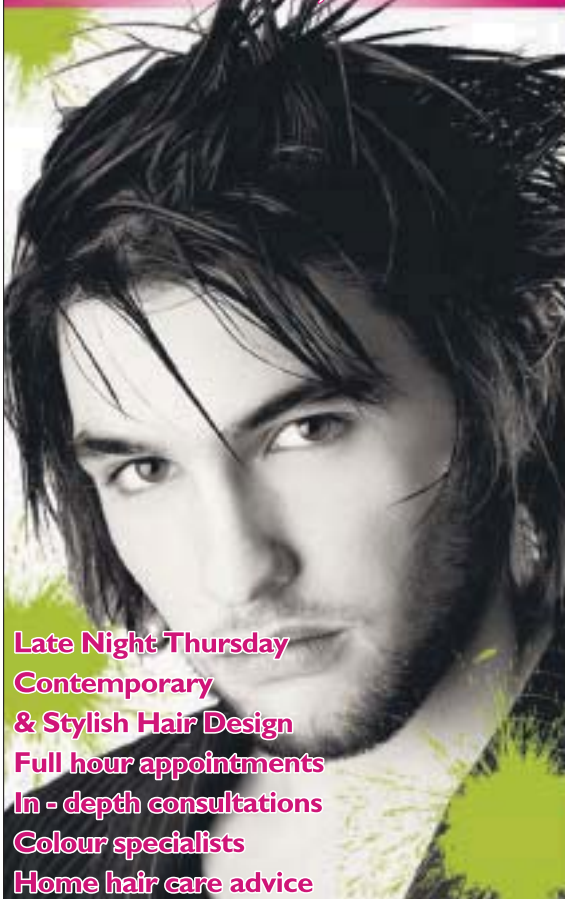
Eurovision is, quite rightly, a bit of a joke to us Brits, but wouldn't it be nice to actually do well for once?

For a country that is supposed to lead the world in pop music, we seem to be pretty dismal at all this.

Don't be surprised if it's a case of "nul points" when we join Graham Norton in Oslo later this spring.

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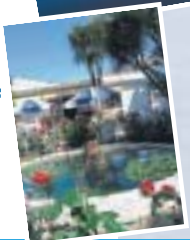
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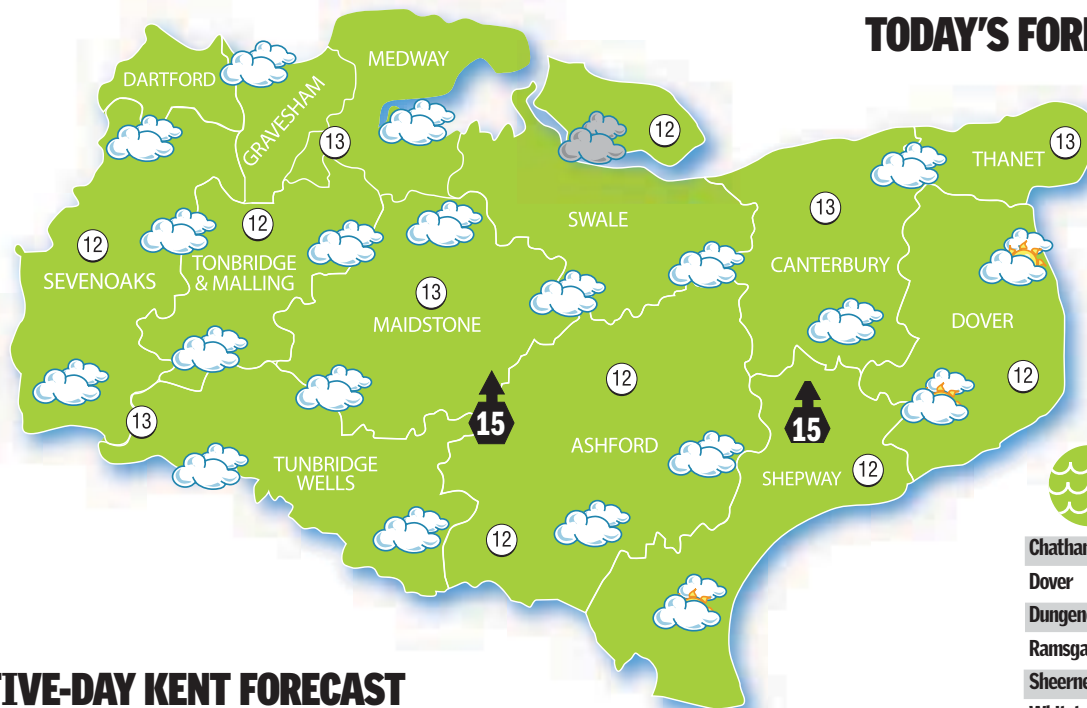


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Cape Town	25°C	Tenerife	22°C
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Gibraltar	18°C	Vancouver	11°C
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KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	10:20am 5.6m	Sunday	12:18pm 6.0m
Dover	Saturday	8:46am 6.0m	Sunday	10:36am 6.4m
Dungeness	Saturday	8:35am 6.7m	Sunday	10:33am 7.2m
Ramsgate	Saturday	9:16am 4.6m	Sunday	11:06am 4.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	10:09am 5.4m	Sunday	12:07pm 5.7m
Whitstable	Saturday	10:15am 5.0m	Sunday	12:15pm 5.2m

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon													Whitstable		Saturday		10:15am 5.0m		Sunday		12:15pm 5.2m		
Ashford	12°C	14°C	13°C	12°C	11°C	Dover	10°C	12°C	12°C	11°C	9°C	Gravesend	12°C	15°C	14°C	13°C	11°C	Sevenoaks	10°C	12°C	12°C	10°C	9°C		SUNRISE	5.49am	SUNSET	6.15pm
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Chatham	11°C	13°C	13°C	11°C	10°C	Folkestone	10°C	12°C	12°C	11°C	9°C	Ramsgate	12°C	14°C	14°C	12°C	10°C	Tonbridge	11°C	14°C	13°C	11°C	11°C		MOONRISE	10.56am	MOONSET	2.53am
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Festival comes with a warning



HEADLINERS: Brazilian metallers Sepultura are coming to Hevy at Port Lympne

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

POP-loving teenie-boppers, run for the hills – the Hevy festival is coming.

The appropriately-named three-day event will see some of the world's loudest, angriest and darkest bands converge on Port Lympne Wild Animal Park in August.

So if you're more into Shakira than Slipknot, avoid the Hythe zoo at all costs.

But if you are partial to the occasional hardcore mosh pit or prolonged period of head-banging then the Hevy weekend is right up your street.

Headliners include legendary Brazilian metallers Sepultura and Birmingham's hardest rockers Napalm Death.

Support comes from the likes of Gallows, Rolo Tomassi, Polar Bear Club, Dead Swans, Lower Than Atlantis and Kent's own Feed The Rhino.

Hevy bosses have also laid on non-music related entertainment for their paying punters, with a series of Gladiators-inspired fun fair rides.

Look out for Chaos, Superstar and Storm.

Hevy co-founders James Dutton and Claire Baker said the festival will be one to remember.

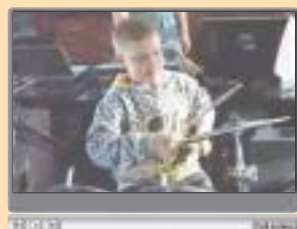
In a joint statement they said: "With a brand new venue and some awesome plans, this year's festival is what we've always wanted to bring to Kent – it's going to be huge!"

"There's some fantastic little festivals down here that offer a great family-friendly product, but we've always felt there's a need in this corner of the UK for something a little heavier, and that's what we hope to be – Kent's alternative music festival."

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- 4 Rogues Down - Poison Arrow (from Deal)
- 5 Shelta - Beautiful Girl (from Bexley) King Edward VII, Margate

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Hevy takes place at Port Lympne from Friday, August 6 to Sunday 8.

For more information visit www.hevy.co.uk



ASTONISHING BEAUTY: The setting sun and the red dust of the Mara is the perfect setting for this stunning shot of a pair of leopards

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Mara is perfect place to get great shot at some wildlife

■ BY KELLY MACNAMARA

THERE'S a knack to photographing the Little Bee-eater.

The picture you want is this: The bird is in mid-flight, its green shimmering wings flung wide and a just-caught bug clamped in its beak.

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I joined one of his safaris in Kenya's Masai Mara.

Within minutes of arriving at our luxurious camp, we were bouncing along in one of Paul's specially converted vehicles in pursuit of a cheetah and her two cubs.

After barely half an hour in Paul's company, it was already abundantly clear he takes no prisoners.

"Stop mincing!" he yelled, as I fumbled with my kit while the vehicle jolted across the dry savannah.

My brand new digital SLR body was eventually attached to a lens the size of a rocket launcher, borrowed from a fellow traveller who hired something even more substantial for this expedition.

We found the cheetahs bathed in honeyed afternoon light, with the mother looking wistfully into the distance. The scene was beautiful, but my companions had other ideas. In the distance, a juicy-looking

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Kelly Macnamara was a guest on an Exodus Photographic Safari, with photographer Paul Goldstein and local guides. Group sizes 4 to 12, min age 16. Nine-day package, from £2,699, incl six nights' tented camp accom, return Kenya Airways flights ex-London, internal flights, and transport by open-sided four-wheel-drive vehicles in the Mara. Regional connecting flights incl Manchester from £3540 (single), Glasgow from £3250. Exodus reservations: 0845 863 9601 and www.exodus.co.uk.



Thomson's gazelle grazed near a thicket, small and spry – an ideal feast for a peckish big cat.

It was over in a second, the predator so close there was barely a chase. However, for a novice wildlife photographer, the thrill was intense.

Only afterwards did I realise I had caught the action on camera: The cheetah lunging from a swirl of dust, front paws stretched out to whip the gazelle's back legs from under it.

Huge crowds of wildebeest gathered for annual crossings of the Mara heading for the Serengeti and Tanzania, and we watched in wonder as animals fought to cross the river, unperturbed as crocodiles picked off the occasional snack. Often we were still out at sunset,

chasing the dying light for a spot to take in the great billowing clouds as they bruised against a hot red sky. At these times, photographs came second to soaking up the astonishing beauty of the dying Mara day with a cold beer.

Much is made of the idea that we have progressed from shooting wild creatures with guns to using camera lenses. While there are similarities – you must learn an animal's habits to predict its movements – hunters aimed to stop the wildlife in its tracks, but we wanted the right light, and of course action.

Thanks to the eagle eyes of our guides, and Paul's knowledge and enthusiasm, we had all in abundance.

MOTORS NEWS



'Le Mini' is out to prove it's no retro knock-off

BMW has a smart rival to its popular Mini, but the new Citroën DS3 is no retro poser even if it does revive the 'DS' badge from a classic 50/60s series of cars.

However, the newcomer can be customised to the roof like a Mini and holds a premium position with the French marque to attract similar buyers, albeit at lower prices (from £11,700) to undercut the Anglo-German cult star (from £12,730) and with a cabin that is as much a work of art as the exterior.



Cheaper Vauxhall deals a show of intent to rivals

VAUXHALL has thrown down the gauntlet to mainstream rivals by slashing entry prices on most of its range through new lower-priced Expression/ES models, even as it seeks a move upmarket.

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BOXING CLEVER?: Limited supplies of Nissan's Cube is driving sales of what could be called a 'Marmite motor' – drivers will either love it or hate it but it's fast becoming a cult car

Nissan produces cult car for the fans of Cubist art

NISSAN'S eye-catching Cube is a 'Marmite motor' – you either love it or hate it.

But the pro-Cubists are passionate and that is driving sales of the rather limited supplies that Nissan expects to bring into the UK for the time being.

Not surprisingly, valuation guides predict robust secondhand prices – CAP reckons the car will be worth 45 per cent of its value after three years/30,000 miles.

The BMW Mini and Fiat 500 cult cars have shown that even the hard-nosed used buyer is prepared to pay more for style and image and the Cube seems set to underline that.

At first glance, it looks like the styling is a long way from some swish design studio or even the hand of a grown-up – it has the wax crayon signature of a five-year-old writ large upon its boxy flanks.

On closer inspection though there is some lovely detail; I particularly like the asymmetric Smeg refrigerator-style rear door, which accentuates curves cleverly worked into the boxy overall design.

The curvy theme contrast is even more obvi-

ROAD TEST NISSAN CUBE

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

ous inside and helps fend off Postman Pat jibes that bedevil van-based MPVs like the terminally ugly Fiat Doblo – it has indeed just been replaced by a more shapely new model – and Peugeot Bipper Tepee.

Interior style – highlighted by a rice-paper style blind for the huge sunroof – is allied with practicality though to make the Cube as much viable MPV as style statement.

It should well and truly end those 'boring Nissan' cracks of the past, however unfair, reminding us instead that the brand used its truly ordinary 1980s Micra K10 supermini to create a family of retro limited edition spin-offs for the Japanese market.

Two of these – the Figaro coupé and S-Cargo van – went on to become much sought grey imports to the UK.

So the Cube upholds a bit of quirky tradition as well as being a thoroughly practical car.

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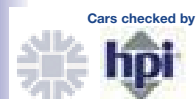
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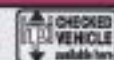


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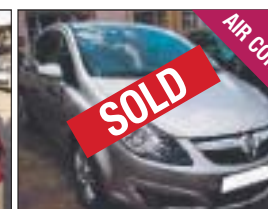
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PROPERTY NEWS

Keep on top of your mortgage for right deal

MANY homeowners are not aware of their mortgage rate, with the recently-quoted figure of 28 per cent of people branded "a gross underestimate".

More than half do not know their interest rate, according to Ray Boulger, senior technical manager at mortgage advice firm John Charcol.

"In general I would say that there is a considerable lack of knowledge about people's specific mortgage products," he said.

Mr Boulger urged homeowners to be aware of the interest rate they are paying, as well as when their current deal comes to an end, to ensure they have the best loan to suit their needs.

"The more notice people take of their various financial products, the more likely it is they are going to know when they have got a good deal and when they should be thinking of switching," he continued.

Figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders have revealed that gross mortgage-lending declined to about £9.1 billion in January – a fall of almost a third on December.

Just turn the key and move right in

AN INCREASINGLY popular move in the property market is for buyers to look for an apartment that is fully furnished.

A property that has just come on to the market place in West Malling includes everything from an ironing board and iron to a toaster.

It is called a turnkey-ready property and experts say such a home is perfect for those looking to buy as a rental investment or those seeking to move straight in and not have the hassle of carpet and curtain buying and fixing – it is like moving into a show home.

Developer Hillreed Homes is also offering an option to take up the equity scheme operating on this apartment.

This scheme gives 100 per cent ownership from the day of purchase, but initially buyers only pay 90 per cent of the current asking price.

The property is being marketed at £194,950.



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Prices hit by weather and stamp duty rise

■ BY NICK AMES

HOUSE prices saw a 1.5 per cent fall last month – the first decline since June 2009, according to the most recent figures available from the Halifax House Price Index.

And in the first three weeks of March the trend has continued.

But the previous seven consecutive months of increases mean that the average price remains 8 per cent above the lowest level reached in April 2009.

This equates to an increase of £12,367, taking the average house price to £166,857.

Halifax has suggested that a low supply of properties has been a key factor in pushing up prices, with improvements in the market only recently encouraging sellers to enter the market, even if mortgage finance has remained difficult to secure.

Lenders have attributed the fall to the wintry weather and the end of a temporary stamp-duty holiday on homes changing hands between £125,000 and £175,000.

According to Halifax's index, prices are still well below the level they reached in the summer of 2007.

Its figures show that from August 2007 to last April, prices dived by 23 per cent, wiping more than £45,000 off the average price of a property, from under £200,000 to £154,490.

The figures show that since then, prices have risen by 8 per cent (£12,500), which commentators have attributed to low interest rates, improved affordability and a shortage of homes for sale.

But since the start of the year there has been a change in the supply-and-demand balance.

Figures from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors suggest the recent improvement in market conditions has



encouraged more homeowners to attempt to sell their property. As a result, the stock of properties available for sale increased for the second successive month in January.

Halifax housing economist Martin Ellis said this was likely to have been a factor in February's price falls: "An increase in the number of properties available for sale has helped to reduce slightly the imbalance between supply and demand."

"At the same time, the bad weather in the first two months of 2010, together with the return of the lowest stamp-duty threshold to £125,000, are likely to have had an adverse impact on housing demand."

"The combination of these factors appears to have helped to curb the upward pressure."

Howard Archer, chief UK economist at IHS Global Insight, said other factors also suggested further price falls were on the cards.

"Although the Bank of England may well hold off from raising interest rates until 2011, the overall economic environment – notably high unemployment likely to rise further, and low earnings growth – is still far from supportive for house prices, while credit conditions remain pretty tight and the stamp duty threshold has fallen."

"In addition, house price/earnings ratios have moved back up."

Landlords' forum leading the way

LAST week's Swale Landlords Forum was such a success that local authorities across Kent might wish to follow its lead.

The event was held to strengthen Swale council's rapport with local landlords and featured talks from the Electrical Safety Council and the Porchlight homeless charity.

There was also a question-and-answer session on housing and housing benefits.

The council has launched many initiatives with landlords and tenants in Swale.

The Kent accreditation course held in Sittingbourne offered both new and experienced landlords the opportunity to learn about

how to operate a successful business and how to provide tenants with safe and high-quality accommodation.

Those who joined the scheme and who have continued to abide by the standards set are 'accredited' and recognised across Kent as good landlords.

David Simmons, of Swale council, said "The Swale Landlords Forum is a great idea."

"The council wants to work as closely as possible with landlords and tenants and reinforce its support of the Kent Landlords' Accreditation Scheme to make sure that we do everything that we can to help everyone."



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- ALLOCATED PARKING
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

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• CLOAKROOM

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- POPULAR LOCATION
- INTERNAL VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

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Wigmore
• 4 BEDROOM DETACHED
• GEORGIAN STYLE
• CLOAKROOM
• REFITTED KITCHEN

OIEO £375,000

- EN SUITE
- LOUNGE
- GARAGE AND DRIVE
- CONSERVATORY

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Davis Estate
• 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
• 2 RECEPTIONS
• UTILITY ROOM
• EN-SUITE

£205,000

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Chatham
• 3 BEDROOM TERRACED
• 1930 STYLE
• LOFT ROOM
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM



- LOUNGE
- NO FORWARD CHAIN
- CELLAR
- DINING AREA

OIEO £150,000

REF: Walderslade_608035



Gillingham
• DETACHED BUNGALOW
• 3 BEDROOMS
• 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
• DOWNSTAIRS WET ROOM

GUIDE PRICE £275 - £300,000

- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- CONSERVATORY
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- INTERNAL VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

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• LOUNGE / DINER
• KITCHEN
• NO FORWARD CHAIN

OIEO £105,000

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Rainham
• 4 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
• 19FT REFITTED KITCHEN
• 2/3 RECEPTION ROOMS
• CONSERVATORY



- EN SUITE
- CLOAKROOM
- GOOD SIZE GARDEN
- GARAGE AND DRIVE

£275,000

REF: Rainham_603545



Lordswood
• END OF TERRACE
• 3 BEDROOMS
• 2 RECEPTIONS
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM

£170,000

- EXTENDED
- GARAGE
- MUST BE SEEN
- INTERNAL VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

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• DETACHED HOME
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• KITCHEN DINER
• LOUNGE

REF: Rainham_633365



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• 19FT REFITTED KITCHEN
• 2/3 RECEPTION ROOMS
• CONSERVATORY
• SEMI RURAL LOCATION



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- COUNTRYSIDE VIEWS
- DOUBLE GLAZING

£270,000

REF: Rainham_605915



Chatham
• APARTMENT
• 1 BEDROOM
• 1 RECEPTION ROOM
• MODERN FITTED KITCHEN

£85,000

- PARKING
- CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE
- OFFERED WITH NO FORWARD CHAIN
- INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED

REF: Walderslade_610495



Gillingham
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• LOUNGE
• KITCHEN/DINER
• REAR GARDEN / NO FORWARD CHAIN

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• JULIET BALCONY
• ALLOCATED PARKING
• COMMUNAL GARDENS
• INTERNAL VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
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Chatham
• 1 BEDROOM STARTER HOME
• MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
• LEAN TO
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN



£97,000
• PARKING
• IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYER
• FREEHOLD
• MUST BE SEEN
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Sittingbourne **Guide Price £220,000 - £240,000**
• EXTENDED 4 BEDROOM DETACHED
• LOUNGE / DINING ROOM
• REFITTED KITCHEN
• GARAGE AND DRIVE
REF: Rainham_60494S



Chatham
• SEMI DETACHED HOME
• 3 BEDROOMS
• LOUNGE/DINER
• CUL-DE-SAC POSITION



OIEO £150,000
• POPULAR LOCATION
• IDEAL FOR GROWING FAMILY
• DOUBLE GLAZING
• NO FORWARD CHAIN
REF: Walderslade_61006S



Hempstead
• 2 BEDROOM END TERRACE
• KITCHEN
• LOUNGE DINER
• DOUBLE BEDROOMS



OIEO £154,995
• LANDSCAPED GARDEN
• GARAGE
• DOUBLE GLAZING
• POPULAR LOCATION
REF: Rainham_61825S



Rainham **£229,995**
• 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME
• CONSERVATORY
• CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION
• SECLUDED REAR GARDEN
REF: Rainham_60349S



Wigmore
• SEMI DETACHED HOME
• 3 BEDROOMS
• LOUNGE
• KITCHEN / DINER



Guide Price £210,000 - £220,000
• EXTENDED TO REAR
• DRIVE
• SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
• MUST BE VIEWED
REF: Rainham_60148S



Chatham
• BUNGALOW
• 2 BEDROOMS
• 1 RECEPTION ROOM
• FLAT PLOT



£160,000
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• GARAGE TO SIDE
• DOUBLE GLAZING AND GCH
• INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED
REF: Walderslade_60192S



Maidstone **£85,000**
• RETIREMENT FLAT
• GROUND FLOOR
• COMMUNAL AREA
• 1 RECEPTION ROOM
REF: Walderslade_60179S



Darland
• END OF TERRACE HOME
• 3 BEDROOMS
• LOUNGE
• KITCHEN / DINER



£155,000
• GARDEN
• GARAGE
• POPULAR LOCATION
• NO CHAIN
REF: Rainham_60127S



Lordswood
• 4 BEDROOM DETACHED
• LOUNGE
• CONSERVATORY
• DOWNSTAIRS CLOAKROOM



£250,000
• KITCHEN/DINER
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• SAUNA ROOM / HOT TUB
• GARAGE
REF: Walderslade_61788S



Chatham **£125,000**
• 2 BEDROOM TERRACED
• MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
• DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• DINING AREA
REF: Walderslade_62977S



Rainham
• TERRACE HOUSE
• 3 BEDROOMS
• 1 RECEPTION ROOM
• CONSERVATORY



GUIDE PRICE £165,000 - £175,000
• INTEGRAL GARAGE
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• OFF ROAD PARKING
• INTERNAL VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
REF: Rainham_62027S



Maidstone
• 4 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
• 2 SPACIOUS RECEPTION ROOMS
• DOWNSTAIRS SHOWER ROOM
• FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM



OIEO £240,000
• MODERN KITCHEN
• GOOD SIZE REAR GARDEN
• OFF ROAD PARKING
• CLOSE TO AMENITIES
REF: Walderslade_62653S



Chatham **OIEO £130,000**
• 3 BEDROOM TERRACE HOUSE
• 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
• UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
• GOOD SIZE REAR GARDEN
REF: Walderslade_60187S



Walderslade
• 3 BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
• MODERN FITTED KITCHEN/DINER
• SPLIT LEVEL LOUNGE
• MODERN BATHROOM



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• GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
• SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDENS
• CLOSE TO AMENITIES
REF: Walderslade_62610S



Rainham
• SEMI DETACHED HOME
• 3 BEDROOMS
• EXTENDED
• 23FT LOUNGE



Price Range £205,000 - £225,000
• KITCHEN DINER
• GARAGE AND DRIVE
• APPROX 90 FT GARDEN
• WALKING DISTANCE TO STATION
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• 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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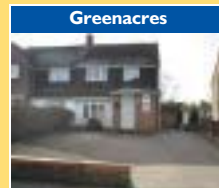


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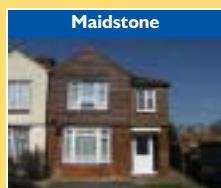


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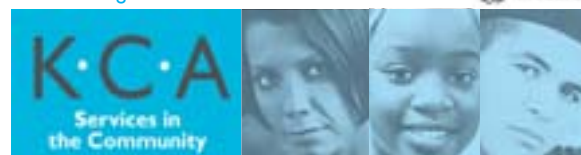
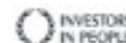
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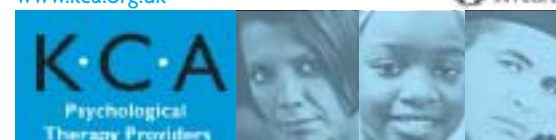
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PROMISE: Medway's Simon Green stood out in defeat

Slow start cost Medway against Crowborough

Crowborough 29 Medway 12

MEDWAY paid the penalty for a poor first-half as their two-game winning run came to an end at Crowborough on Saturday.

The visitors were without several key players for the trip to Sussex, with Liam Weobley, Roger Rhyneheart and Rob Ellis among the influential figures missing. They were blown away by an incisive first-half performance from the hosts.

Crowborough were dominant at set pieces and ran in three tries, converted two, plus a penalty, to lead 22-0 at the break.

RUGBY

With nothing to lose Medway committed themselves to attack in the second-half. They got back into the game with a try from Danny Williams, which was converted by Glen Wadsworth.

Another score, this time from Luke Burns, closed the gap further, but Crowborough scored another converted try to wrap up a relatively comfortable victory.

There were positives for head coach Taff Gwilliam to draw from the game. Alex

Waterman, 18, looked composed on his debut after his promotion from the development squad, while Simon Green performed well in the makeshift side.

The defeat left the club fifth in London 3 South East, no mean achievement for a newly-promoted side. They have two games remaining and face an improving Park House team scrapping for points at the wrong end of the table this Saturday.

Elsewhere, the club's under-16s tasted victory as they won the Kent Plate, with Sam Cornell scoring a golden try in extra time to beat Sittingbourne in the final.

FOOTBALL

Picture ADRIAN LINE



HEADS UP: Chatham's Brad Potter on Saturday

Powell sees red as Chats falter

Chatham Town 1 Fleet Town 2

RAY Powell's red card proved the turning point as ten-man Chatham Town succumbed to promotion-chasing Fleet Town on Saturday.

Matt Solly's penalty put the hosts in front but the visitors from Hampshire capitalised on some sloppy defending to level before the break. Chatham were on top and looked the more likely of the two sides to go on and win the game, until Powell picked up his second booking, allowing Fleet the chance to take all three points.

Chats boss Alex O'Brien was pleased with the overall display, but was critical of Powell.

He said: "I've no complaints over the bookings. His second one for a handball was just lazy and a player of his experience shouldn't be doing that. It was unprofessional and we addressed it with him afterwards.

"We gave ourselves a mountain to climb. Every player gave their all and to come off losing 2-1 after having good spells against a top-four side is frustrating. We deserved more out of the game."

There was better news for teenager Michael Scott, who this week began a six-week trial with League Two side Barnet. The England schoolboy has been used sparingly by Chatham over the last two seasons, but will now get his chance to show what he can do at a higher level.

O'Brien said: "It was always going to happen. I've no problem with players going upwards, it brings a smile to your face and shows others that things like that can happen if you play consistently well."

Town, who visit Horsham YMCA on Saturday, played Corinthian Casuals last night. Log on to www.yourmedway.co.uk for the details.

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Picture DAVID REALLION

HALF-CENTURY: Peter Vaisanen passed 50 goals for the campaign but Invicta Dynamos finished the regular season with defeats in their final two games

Has title-winning effort sapped Mos of energy?

Oxford City Stars 6 Invicta Dynamos 2 Chelmsford Chieftains 5 Invicta Dynamos 4

INVICTA Dynamos finished the regular season with a whimper as the National League South Division 1 champions lost at Oxford and Chelmsford.

The double defeat was the first time the Mos had lost successive games all season. Despite missing several key players, the results nonetheless marked a surprise.

A week after winning the title, head coach Kevin Parrish urged his players before the double header not to take their foot off the pedal, or risk losing valuable momentum ahead of the play-offs.

The Mos were looking for a clean sweep against Oxford on Saturday after winning their three previous league meetings this season. As

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well as long-term absentees Nolan Boike and Ryan Giles, they were without unavailable duo Andy and AJ Smith.

A familiar face did the damage early on, as former Mos forward Ken Forshee scored twice in the first nine minutes to put the Stars on top. Peter Vaisanen pulled a goal back before the first break, but it failed to spur the visitors on to anything more tangible.

The Stars extended their lead early in the second period with two more strikes. Jack Tarczycki made it 4-2, but the hosts struck again just before the end of the period to re-establish their three-goal lead.

The Mos could not mount a comeback in the final frame and the only goal went to the Stars,

who claimed what may prove to be an important victory heading into the play-offs.

Parrish's side finished the regular season on Sunday with a trip to Chelmsford. The meetings between the teams had been closely fought, with the Chieftains the only side to avoid defeat at the Gillingham Ice Bowl this season when they earned a 2-2 draw in December.

The hosts had the best of a goalless first period, but quickly took advantage to move 3-0 up before the half-hour mark. Anthony Leone pulled one back, but another Chieftains strike saw them go in at the second break 4-1 up.

The Mos finished strongly, with Peter Vaisanen netting his 50th goal of the season. Another Chieftains goal was cancelled out by Joe Johnston's effort and when Vaisanen notched again to make it 5-4, it set up a frantic last five minutes.

The visitors were on top in the dying seconds and withdrew netminder Joe White, but they were unable to make the extra outfield player count.

Gills display gives Stimson hope for the rest of season

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Charlton Athletic 2

Richardson 31, Mooney 60

Gillingham 2

Barcham 32, Oli 45+3



GILLINGHAM'S performance in holding high-flying Charlton Athletic at the Valley on Saturday has given manager Mark Stimson added belief his side will beat the drop in League One.

First-half goals from Andy Barcham and Dennis Oli saw the Gills come from behind to lead at half-time after an error from Alan Julian gifted Charlton the opening goal.

David Mooney's second-half strike levelled the game, but the Gills held firm in the closing stages to take a well-earned point.

The result extended the club's winless away run to 19 games, but results around them ensured the gap to the bottom four remained two points. With games against Leeds, Norwich and Southampton to come in the final weeks, the display gave Stimson cause for optimism his side could compete with the best in the division.

He said: "We started the game with probably



SCORCHER: Andy Barcham's spectacular strike helped Gillingham to a draw with high-flying Charlton at the Valley

our best three players missing – Simon King, Barry Fuller and Simeon Jackson – so to come here and perform how we did gives me a lot of confidence. It'll only be done if the boys are prepared to work as hard as they did [on Saturday]. "We'd have loved three [points], but we knew it was going to be a hard task. This side is going for automatic promotion and they won't be far away because right through their team they have quality."

An estimated 3,000 visiting fans made the short trip up the A2 for Gillingham's first com-

Gillingham starting XI



Subs used: Jackson (Weston 73mins), Walker (Howe 82), Bentley (Oli 89)

petitive game at the Valley since 1981.

They may have feared the worst when Charlton took the lead with a soft goal on the half-hour mark, when Frazer Richardson's long-range effort crept under Julian. The advantage barely lasted a minute, when Andy Barcham came in from the left to fire a wonderful low shot past Addicks stopper Rob Elliot from 20 yards.

It got even better for the visitors in first-half stoppage time. Elliot spilled Rene Howe's shot straight into Dennis Oli's path and the winger – in the starting line-up courtesy of doubts over Jackson's hamstring – prodded home.

Hopes of a first away win since May were extinguished by Mooney's smart turn and shot on the hour, but despite enjoying most of the possession, Charlton were unable to find a winner.

There could be more good news for the Gills today, with skipper Barry Fuller due to see a specialist to consider putting a lighter cast on his broken arm. The full-back warmed up with the squad on Saturday and could be close to a return if doctors give him the green light.

FOOTBALL



Picture: ADY KERRY

STOPPER: Alan Julian is keeping Simon Royce out

Julian's hoping Gills run will herald his international return

ALAN Julian is hoping his extended run in the Gillingham side will catch the eye of Northern Ireland selectors and reignite his international career.

The goalkeeper won six caps at under-21 level, but has not been in contact with the Irish Football Association (IFA) in the five years since.

Julian fell off the radar after dropping down from Brentford into non-league with Stevenage Borough, but almost two seasons after arriving at Priestfield he appears to finally be in the process of establishing himself as Gillingham's number one.

Happy with his form at club level, Julian is eager just to be involved in Northern Ireland's senior set-up.

He said: "I'd love to get a call-up, but that's down to [manager] Nigel Worthington and the staff in charge there. I wouldn't say I'm hurting my chances playing here.

"It would be nice to get in the squad, they take three goalkeepers and to be one of those would be absolutely amazing.

"I'm not really thinking about it, I'm just concentrating on my form here and that would hopefully take care of itself."

After making just six appearances in his first year at the Gills, Julian looked set for another frustrating season until Simon Royce was involved in a car crash in December. Julian has not looked back since, with Saturday's game at Charlton his 18th consecutive start.

It is a far cry from the situation in November, when Julian submitted a transfer request due to a lack of first-team football. The 27-year-old is not sure if he is even still on the transfer list, but the run of games has changed his outlook.

He said: "I never wanted to leave the club; I just wanted to play football.

"I'm playing now and I'm happy – simple as that – so I don't want to leave. There's no problem at all."

LEAGUE TABLES

COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Norwich City	37	24	7	6	+39	79
2 Leeds United	36	20	11	5	+32	71
3 Charlton Athletic	37	18	13	6	+19	67
4 Swindon Town	37	18	13	6	+12	67
5 Millwall	36	18	11	7	+21	65
6 Colchester United	36	18	9	9	+15	63
7 Huddersfield Town	37	17	10	10	+18	61
8 Milton Keynes Dons	37	17	5	15	-1	56
9 Bristol Rovers	37	17	4	16	-1	55
10 Southampton (-10)	36	16	12	8	+28	50
11 Carlisle United	38	12	12	14	-3	48
12 Walsall	36	12	11	13	-3	47
13 Yeovil Town	38	11	11	16	-6	44
14 Brighton & Hove	37	11	11	15	-7	44
15 Brentford	34	10	13	11	-2	43
16 Leyton Orient	37	10	11	16	-9	41
17 Oldham Athletic	36	10	10	16	-13	40
18 Hartlepool United	36	10	9	17	-11	39
19 Gillingham	37	9	12	16	-11	39
20 Tranmere Rovers	36	10	8	18	-25	38
21 Exeter City	37	8	13	16	-14	37
22 Southend United	36	8	10	18	-16	34
23 Wycombe Wanderers	37	6	13	18	-25	31
24 Stockport County	37	5	9	23	-37	24

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Croydon Athletic	31	20	6	5	+37	66
2 Worthing	34	21	3	10	+27	66
3 Folkestone Invicta (-10)	33	23	6	4	+24	65
4 Fleet Town	34	18	5	11	+20	59
5 Walton & Hersham	34	16	7	11	+9	55
6 Godalming Town (-3)	31	18	3	10	+16	54
7 Leatherhead	32	15	6	11	+16	51
8 Burgess Hill Town	32	14	9	9	+8	51
9 Sittingbourne	31	15	5	11	+19	50
10 Horsham YMCA	36	12	13	11	+5	49
11 Metropolitan Police	33	13	9	11	+10	48
12 Whyteleafe	34	13	5	16	+5	44
13 Ramsgate	33	11	11	11	-3	44
14 Corinthian-Casuals	34	13	3	18	-14	42
15 Chatham Town	34	13	3	18	-15	42
16 Dulwich Hamlet	33	10	10	13	-5	40
17 Merstham	34	10	9	15	-14	39
18 Chipstead	33	8	7	18	-17	31
19 Ashford Town	31	7	8	16	-29	29
20 Eastbourne Town	34	6	10	18	-30	28
21 Walton Casuals	35	6	8	21	-25	26
22 Whitstable Town	32	8	2	22	-44	26

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

1 Faversham Town	23	18	2	3	+40	56
2 Herne Bay	23	14	1	5	+19	43
3 Beckenham Town	23	12	5	6	+20	41
4 Sevenoaks Town	22	12	4	6	+11	40
5 Hythe Town	22	9	8	5	+24	35
6 Greenwich Borough	23	9	7	7	+7	34
7 Deal Town	21	9	6	6	+3	33
8 Erith & Belvedere	23	9	6	8	-5	33
9 Erith Town	21	9	5	7	+7	32
10 Tunbridge Wells	23	7	7	9	-2	28
11 Holmesdale	22	8	3	11	+1	27
12 Sporting Bengal Utd	28	7	4	17	-41	25
13 Norton Sports	21	5	6	10	-9	21
14 Fisher	22	5	4	13	-23	19
15 Corinthian	23	5	3	15	-29	18
16 Lordswood	23	2	9	12	-23	15

FIXTURES (Saturday): Coca-Cola Football League One: Gillingham v MK Dons; Ryman Division One South: Horsham YMCA v Chatham Town; Kent League Premier Division: Lordswood v Beckenham Town

Praise for Gills youth chief after he moves to new job

FOOTBALL

MARK Patterson has left Gillingham's centre of excellence to take charge of a new academy based at Ashford Town.

The 41-year-old started his new role on Monday, which will see him front a joint venture by Ryman South side Ashford Town and nearby The North School.

Patterson spent five years as player with the Gills and returned to Priestfield in 2006 to join the club's youth set-up.

During his time as under-18s manager he has overseen the promotion of several youngsters to the first-team, including Luke Rooney and Jack Payne, who have both made an impact this season.

Gills boss Mark Stimson praised Patterson for his hard work and wished him well.

He said: "We couldn't stand in his way. I asked him if he was totally 100 per cent sure and he was, so I just send him my best wishes and hope he's successful. You never know, one day he might come back to Gillingham and get involved in some other capacity because he's been a good servant to the club."

Bryan Bull, who looks after Gillingham's younger sides, will take temporary charge of the under-18s until the end of the season, when a permanent successor will be appointed.

Patterson told Ashford Town's website: "The opportunity came along and it was something I wanted to have a go at. As I now live in Ashford it seemed a good time to start something that will not only benefit the football club, but Ashford as a whole."



PROSPECT: Luke Rooney is one of a host of youngsters nurtured by Mark Patterson

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